

Upazila roundup

JAMALPUR

Jubo Command unit meet held

From Our Correspondent
June 29: A meeting of Jubo Command, Jamalpur district unit was held here at the residence of Prof Abdul Ghani recently.

The meeting was presided over by Advocate S M Mufti. Addressed among others by Reza Khandaker, Jamal Sharif, Nurul Haque Jangi, Abdullah Kalachan, Dr Mirza Obaidullah, Shaiful Islam, Nurul Alam Siddiqui and others.

A committee of Dewanganj Upazila Press Club formed here at local government primary school recently.

Atiqur Rahman presided over the meeting. The executive committee was formed with Atiqur Rahman (Dist Correspondent, Dainik Sangram) and Khademul Islam (Dainik Jahan) as President and Secretary respectively.

Other office bearers are: Joint Secretary Ruhul Haroon (Ajker Bangladesh), Publicity Secretary Manjurul Haque (Weekly Jamalpur), Office Secretary Abdus Salam Sikder (Dainik Azad), Treasurer Mojibur Rahman (Pall Bandhu), Sports Secretary Abul Kayser (Jagat) and members Abdur Rashid, Fatizur Rahman and Aminul Islam.

NARSINGHI

Jilted lover commits suicide

From Our Correspondent
June 29: A jilted lover committed suicide by taking poison under sadar upazila of the district recently.

It is learnt that the victim Jasimuddin (24), son of Alahu Box Bhuiyan of Patchdona village was involved in love affair with one Asma Sultana (19), a neighbour for a long time. But a few days back, the parent of Asma decided to arrange her marriage elsewhere and they made pressure to forget her lover Jasim. At one stage, Jasimuddin met her where he was insulted by his lover.

As a result, he took poison being frustrated. He was taken to the hospital where doctors declared him dead. The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with the police in this connection.

JHENIDAH

Police recover two bodies

From Our Correspondent
June 29: Kotchandpur Thana police recovered the bodies of two youngmen here recently.

According to the reports, the body of Said (27) of village Salemanpur in Kotchandpur Upazila was recovered from the village road.

Police recovered the body of Belal (25), of village Shalakupur in the same upazila from village Talshar. The deceased was in hanging position on the tree.

The two deceased were suspected to be killed, police said. Signs of beating were found on the bodies.

Two separate cases were recorded with Kotchandpur thana in this regard. Investigation is going on.

SIRAJGANJ

One to suffer lifeterm for killing step brother

From Our Correspondent
June 29: Md Abdul Jalil, District and Sessions Judge, Sirajganj in a recent judgement delivered on June 17 have awarded life-term imprisonment to one Abu Taher (27) son of Sadhu Mia of village Dattabari in Sadar upazila in absence for killing his step-brother Masud (10).

According to the prosecution, on January 3, 1988, Abu Taher along with his step brother Masud went to the shop at night. Since then the victim Masud was missing. His body was recovered from a field in village Ghorachara in Sadar upazila.

Sirajganj police after recovering the body lodged a suc/motto case and submitted chargesheet against Masud who managed to abscond.

The judge, after examining the evidences and witnesses awarded life-term imprisonment to killer Abu Taher in absentia.

RAJSHAHI

Psychology confce on July 11, 12

June 29: Seventh biennial national conference on psychology will be held at Rajshahi University on July 11 and 12, reports UNB.

The theme of this year's conference is "Psychology and Environment". Bangladesh Monobigan samity will organise the conference.

About 60 psychologists from home and abroad will participate and the organisers hope a number of psychologists will come from India, Pakistan, Japan and Thailand.

DINAJPUR

Catching of frogs unabated

From Our Correspondent
June 29: Catching of frogs has become rampant in rural areas of Dinajpur district.

The Government earlier imposed a ban on frog catching to maintain ecological balance. Frogs play a vital role in keeping balance in the environment.

An organised group of persons are catching frogs from ditches, marshy land and other low-lying areas where water remains stagnant.

A competent source said, agents of frog exporters use to visit rural areas and motivated people to catch frogs. Accordingly, a large number of people came out every night with torch and net to catch frogs. Rainy season is the most prime time for catching frogs. It is learnt.

Frogs are caught from villages and sold at the 'Arats' located at Setabganj Hat and Parbatipur Railway Junction Station between Taka 5 and Taka 10 per piece. Later on these are sent to the local godowns of the exporters.

KISHOREGANJ

Gay girls on rise

From Our Correspondent
June 29: Gay girls are freely moving in the district town creating social problems, local people complained.

These gay girls mostly from poor families are engaged in immoral activities spreading venereal diseases among the youths of the town.

Some of them informed that in the absence of job opportunities they are forced to take this heinous occupation to maintain their livelihood.

The school and college going students and the youths are tempted by the ugly gestures of these girls at different places of the town. Some are also engaged in other anti-social activities after the sunset. It is alleged.

The gay girls are found roaming near cinema halls, railway station, clubs, road-side and offices in search of clients.

MUNSHIGANJ

One killed by brother over family feud

From Our Correspondent
June 29: One was killed by his elder brother at village Doshorpara under Sirajdikhan Upazila of the district recently.

On the day of incident, the two brothers exchanged hot words over a family issue. At the dead of night while the younger brother was sleeping, the elder brother Shah Alam (30) stabbed the victim Shahidullah (18) mercilessly. As a result, he died on the spot. The killer managed to flee.

A case has been registered with Sirajdikhan police station in this regard.

SATKHIRA

One held with 2 pistols

June 29: Bangladesh Rifles on Friday arrested a saffron-robed octogenarian, masquerading as monk, with two Indian made pistols and a bottle of liquor, from Jhaudanga Bazar in Sadar upazila of the district, reports UNB.

The arrested person was identified as Biddyat Ganguly (80), a resident of Naredrapur in Jessore. A case was lodged with the local police.



BOGRA: Husband and wife of a erosion-hit family of Shariakandi Upazila are making a shelter on the embankment to live in. — Star photo

Fate of Belka Cross Dam across Teesta uncertain

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, June 29: The completion of the work on the Belka Cross Dam across the river Teesta under Sundarganj Upazila has become uncertain as the construction contractor has left the site of the project for the reasons not known.

Water Development Board (WDB) sanctioned Taka one crore 27 lakh for the construction of about 1,180 feet long embankment across the river Teesta including a close dam with a view to saving Belka Market from erosion.

Last year, about 850 feet dam was washed away by the water flow of the river Teesta. The project was again undertaken during the current financial year.

In March 1992, WDB issued work order to two contractors, Nowsher Ali and Elias for the construction of the work. According to specification, the

upper surface of the dams due to be covered by concrete blocks.

It is reported that contractor Elias was implementing the work on closer dam which was due to be completed by May 4. But the contractor failed to complete the work on schedule for his negligence.

The concerned authority however extended time for the completion of the work but the contractor all on a sudden left the work site without any information.

Meanwhile, the water level of river Teesta has increased rapidly. As a result, the overall situation has gone out of control. Considering the difficulty, the authority has declared the work abandoned.

According official sources, Elias completed only 18.32 per cent and Nowsher Ali completed only 33 per cent of

the total work.

Meanwhile Elias filed an allegation on the defective planning of work claiming compensation of Taka sixty lakh from WDB authority.

On the otherhand, concerned labourer of said work filed separate applications with local WDB for payment of their outstanding wages amounting to Taka two lakh 80 thousand.

A source said appropriate WDB initiative could help completion of the work. Moreover, the contractor started the work too late. The negligence of both the authority and contractor produced total failure of the plan.

It is feared that in the current rainy season Belka Market and the adjacent areas will be devoured by the erosion of river Teesta as the work of embankments declared abandoned.

Notes from Naogaon

NAOGAON, June 29: Newly elected chairmen and members of Naogaon Sadar Upazila was held recently at local upazila union parishad auditorium.

Sadar upazila UNO Prabhan Chakraborty was in the chair. Rajshahi Divisional Commissioner NA Habibullah attended in the function as chief guest.

Deputy Commissioner U Ka Zain oathed the newly elected chairman and members. Students of local Daffodils pre-cadet and Kindergarten performed a musical soiree.

Advocate-Clerk Association confce

The annual conference of Naogaon District Advocate-Clerk Association was held here recently.

The President of Naogaon District Advocate-Clerk Association Md Kader Bux Sarker was in the chair. Naogaon District and Session Judge MM Munsif Ali attended in the function as chief guest.

General Secretary of the said association Azimuddin spoke in the function. The district judge in his brief speech stressed necessity of advocate-clerk with their advocates in the field of judiciary and also serving the people with law.

Later, a musical soiree was held participated by artists of local Shilpakala Academy.

Link road needed

Hundreds of passengers are suffering greatly in absence of direct Naogaon-Rajshahi road since more than one year.

Passengers use to exchange coaches or buses at Sapahat and Kasurhat on this way. The distance of exchanging vehicles is five miles only. Passengers use to exchange and travel by baby taxi or van on this five mile distance causing untold sufferings.

The district administration of Naogaon and Rajshahi have not yet solved this long standing problem.

Passengers on this way urged upon the government to arrange the direct road link between Naogaon-Rajshahi immediately.

93 uplift plans implemented

PABNA, June 29: At least 93 projects at a cost of 4548 metric tons of wheat worth about Taka 3 crore under Food for Works Programme in nine upazilas of the district were implemented during this fiscal year, reports UNB.

The projects included construction and reconstruction of roads, embankments and excavation and re-excavation of derelict ponds and canals.

Official sources said 15 projects were executed in Sadar at a cost of 875 metric tons of wheat, seven projects in Atghoria at a cost of 343 metric tons nine projects costing 497 metric tons of wheat in Ishardi upazila, ten projects in Chatmohar at a cost of 534 metric tons of wheat.

Five projects were implemented in Bhangura costing 190 metric tons of wheat, 7 projects in Faridpur upazila costing 287 metric tons, 13 projects in Santhia upazila costing 621 metric tons, 13 projects in Bera upazila costing 534 metric tons and 14 projects in Sujannagar upazila costing 668 metric tons of wheat.

Paddy on 5000 acres under pest attack

PATUAKHALI, June 29: Pests have been destroying the standing crops of Aus and IRRI on vast areas of land in different upazilas of the district, according to farmers here, reports UNB.

About 5000 acres of paddy land have been attacked by the insect known as "pamri" in Buphal, Dashmina and Galachipa upazilas of the district recently.

Farmers reported that local agricultural department was yet to take any action to spray pesticides.

Some farmers are reportedly using nets to protect crops from "pamri".

The urged the authorities to take appropriate measures to curb the attack without further delay.

Another report adds: 42 seed stores situated in different unions of the district are ill maintained damaging stored seeds.

The concerned authorities have been urged to take care of the seed stores in the interest of the local farmers.

A vast tract of agricultural land at Auliapur in Sadar upazila are left uncultivated because it is submerged for most of the crop season.

Due to absence of an embankment the alluvial deposited on the land are being washed away by the rising water, off and on, hampering cultivation.

The aus and aman crops this year have suffered serious set back for want of the embankment.

Local people urged the authorities to construct an embankment immediately from Badurhat to northern Auliapur.

Workshop cum training course inaugurates

TANGAIL, June 29: A three-day long workshop cum training course for Union Parishad chairmen of Tangail district was inaugurated yesterday at district council auditorium by Lulfar Rahman Khan, State Minister for Relief, reports BSS.

A total of ninety Union Parishad chairmen are taking part in the course.

The course includes office management and execution of developmental projects.

Pledge to resist drug abuse

KUSHTIA, June 29: International Day on drug abuse and illicit trafficking was observed here on Friday with a renewed pledge to resist the menace at any cost, reports UNB.

The day was observed through holding rally, discussion meeting and processions to raise consciousness among the people about the bad effect of drug abuse.

People from all walks of life attended the rally, marched through the main streets carrying banners and festoons inscribing slogans against dangerous effect of drugs and liquor.

In the afternoon a discussion meeting was held at the collectorate conference hall with Deputy Commissioner as the chief guest.

In his speech the DC stressed the need for social awareness among the guardians to check moral erosion of their wards caused by drug abuse leading to various anti-social activities.

He also underscored the need for coordinated approach

by the elite of the society and to keep strict vigilance on the narcotic smugglers and users to check the menace.

The meeting presided over by Mirmal Chandra Das was also addressed by S M Kausar, President district Press Club, Prof. Nurul Islam Chowdhury, Advocate Abdul Quadir and Abdul Halim.

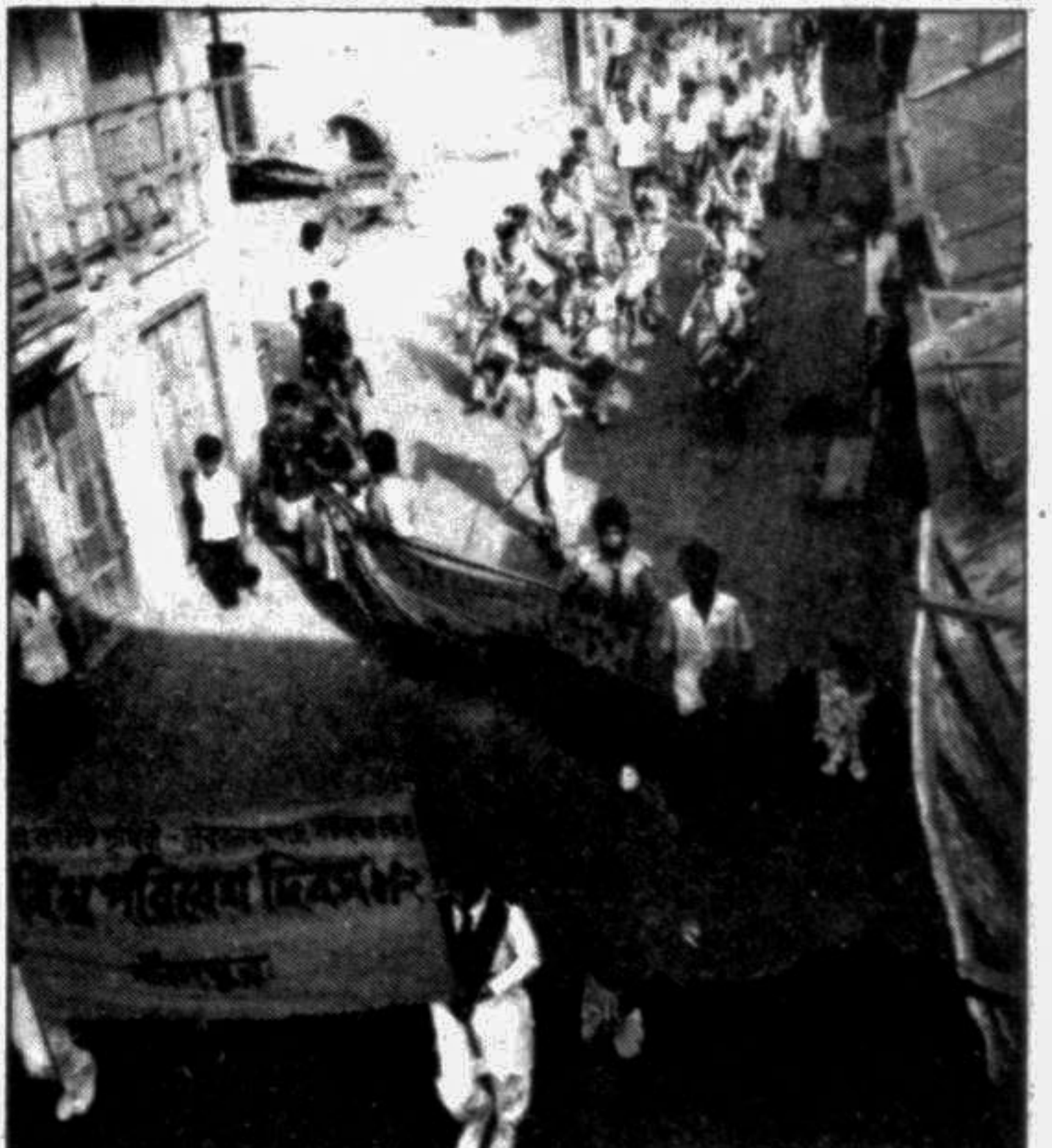
Twentyseven HSC examinees from the 10 centres of the district were expelled for adopting unfairmeans on the second day Sunday.

Power failure erratic in Narail

NARAIL, June 29: Frequent load-shedding in different upazilas including Sadar is hampering irrigation works for standing Irri-boro crops, reports BSS.

The upazilas badly affected by load-shedding are Lohagara, Kalia and Bagharpara.

It has been alleged that the frequency of load-shedding sometime is 15 times a day.



CHANDPUR: Different social organisations brought out procession here recently in observance of 'World Environment Day'. — Star photo

Residential problem hampers female edn.

MAGURA, June 29: Female education is being hampered greatly in the district town due to shortage of residential facilities in the girls schools and colleges, reports UNB.

There are one girls' college and two girls' high schools in the town without any accommodation for girl students. There is no women hostel in any educational institutions.

Many girl students of rural and urban areas have already left the institutions due to lack of residential facilities.

Guardians of girl students urged the authorities to construct women dormitories in the educational institutions but no step has yet been taken in this regard.

An amount of over Taka 1.96 crore has been sanctioned for construction and repair of 20 educational institutions in four upazilas of the district under Annual Development Programme.

Of the total amount, Taka 10.44 lakh was sanctioned for construction of the office of the superintendent of Magura PTI, Taka 17.51 lakh for dis-

trict primary education office construction, Taka 7.38 lakh for construction of administrative building of Magura PTI, Taka 1,34,40,000 for construction of six government primary school buildings, Taka 14.43 lakh for construction of Zhama Madrasa building, Taka 4.32 lakh for repairing of Magura Government Boys' High Schools, Taka 3.72 lakh for Magura Government Girls' High School repairing, and rest Taka 4 lakh for repairing of 8 government primary schools.

Int'l Day against drug abuse observed

BARISAL, June 29: The Narcotics Department of Barisal observed the International Day against misuse and illegal trafficking of Drugs on Friday, reports BSS.

In his connection, a procession was brought out in main thoroughfares of the town.



Zila Jubo Kalyan Samity, Shariatpur recently held a rally protesting the inclusion of the district under the proposed Barisal Division. — Star photo