District roundup

CHUADANGA

Police action on newsmen condemned

From Our Correspondent

July 7: A meeting of Journalists of the district held at local Press Club premises recently in protest against the police attack on the journalists at National Press Club on June

The meeting was presided over by Satful Islam Pinu, Editor of the local daily Mathabanga. It was addressed among others by Md Quamrul Arefin. Daily Star Correspondent, Chuadanga and the President of local Press Club, M Mahtabuddin, Azad Malitha, Wasigur Rahman Belal, Anwar Hossain, Dr Ashabul Hoque, Tosirul Alam Mollick Duke, M Ali Kodor Palash, Din Mohammed Kamal Siddique Babu, Toshlim Ahmed Penu, Touhid Hossain and Habibur Rahman

The speakers condemned the police action on the journalists and demanded exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for the incident.

JAMALPUR

Anti-terrorism rally held

From Our Correspondent

July 7: An anti-terrorism rally organised by the district unit, Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) was held here infront of its office recently.

Advocate Abdul Khaleque, Senior Vice-President of district unit, BNP presided over the meeting. The meeting was addressed among others by Mahbubur Rahman, Secretary. district unit of BNP, Khondaker Ilias Mortuza, President, Juba Dal, Anwar Hossain, Sccretary, JCD district unit Convener Shahedul Haque Khan, Rafigul Islam and Firoz Miah.

Later, they brought out a big procession at the town and chanted slogans against Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, and its activities all over the country.

MAULVIBAZAR

Rathajatra observed

From Our Correspondent July 7: Rathajatra, a religious festival of the Hindu Community was observed

throughout the district with due religious fervour on July 2. Sri Sri Modam Mohan Jewr Akhra Committee of Maulvibazar town organised the festival in the town. They brought-out a procession with chariot. The image of Lord Jagarnath was on the chariot.

It may by mentioned here that drawing the chariot, carrying the image of Lord Jagannath, Subhadra and Balaram were the main features of this traditional festival that marked the annual sojourn of Lord Jagunnath.

Narsingdi

One held with pipegun

From Our Correspondent July 7: Police arrested one

person with a country-made pipegun from Velanagar village under Narsingdi Sadar thana recently. Acting on sccret informa

tion, a police team went to the house of one Mujibur Rahman (20) and arrested him with a country- made pipegun.

A case has been lodged with the Narsingdi Sadar thana in this regard.

Another report adds: One school students drowned in the river here recently.

It is learnt that the victim Shafiuddin (16), son of Abdul Kabir of village Masendikandi of Pahartali union of the district was drowned while he fumped into the river for bath.

SATKHIRA

Housewife beaten to death

July 7: A woman was beaten to death by her husband at Sadar thana of the district on Saturday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the victim Rehana (25) first wife of Farid Gazi was being tortured by him since his second marriage. On the fateful day the cruel husband picked up a quarrel with Rehana on a trifling matter and at one stage he started beating her mercilessly. She died on the spot.

The body was sent to morgue for autopsy. A case has been field with the police but none was so far arrested in this connection.

BARISAL

Police arrest 5 gay-girls from hotels

July 7: Five gay-girls have been arrested from two local hotels of Barisal town on Monday last, a police source said, reports BSS.

The gay-girls are Beauty (18), Parvin (20), Asma (19), Nurun Nahar (19) and Salma

Two hotel workers Sahidul and Motahar - were also arrested in this connec-

MADARIPUR

Scarcity of bamboo threatens cottage industry

July 7: Traditional cottage industry is on the verge of ruin due to acute scarcity of bamboo throughout the district for a long time, reports UNB.

Prices of bamboo have shot up abnormally in the markets. At present a medium size bamboo is being sold between Taka 50 and 65 which is beyond the purchasing capacity of the poor villagers.

Meanwhile, hundreds of people who were engaged in cottage industry have become jobless due to shortage of bam-

Besides, poor people can not build new and repair old houses for want of bamboo.

Local people blamed the owners of brickfields for the scarcity. Encouraged by the brickfield owners farmers destroyed many bamboo bushes by selling the roots to them, they alleged.

SYLHET

Young housewife commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

July 7: A young housewife committed suicide at a teagarden at village Lalakhal under Jaintapur Upazila of Sylhet district recently.

According to the reports, on the night of incident, the victim Anita Rani Nayek (20) had an exchange of hot words with her husband Mukul Mohali over some family matters. As a result she committed suicide by hanging herself with a saree on the same night.

On getting informations, a police party went to the village and sent the body to the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital for post-mortem.

A case of unnatural death was registered with the Jaintapur PS in this connec-

FARIDPUR

Body recovered

July 7: An unidentified boy was recovered from Nimtul Residential Area of the town Friday morning, reports BSS.

According to police, the deceased might have died from gunshot at dead of night when he was attempting to make an intrusion into a house in the area.

Police suspected the deceased who had a pencil torch and lock-breaking materials in his pocket might be a thief.

Police said a shotgun containing a used cartridge in the barrel was also seized from one of the residents of that area but none was arrested in this connection.

Police suspected that the arm was used by an unauthorised person of the house while the license holder of the arm was away from the house.

KISHOREGANJ

Rival groups clash leaves two dead

From Our Correspondent

July 7: Two persons were killed and three others injured scriously following a clash be tween two rival groups at village Shaderjangla under Karimganj Thana of the district recently.

According to police, the clash ensued between the two rival groups over the possession of a plot of land. Of the injured persons, Abu Ahmed Fakir (45) received bullet injuries. He succumbed to injuries shortly after his admission to the Karimaganj thana Health Complex while Md Shamsuddin Ahmed (55) died two days after the incident at the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

The other injured Mintu (28) and Chunnu (24) were admitted into the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital while Babu Miah (35) to Karimgani thana Health Complex.



CHAPAINAWABGANJ: The work on the 33 KV power station at the town was completed a year back but it is yet to be commissioned. - Star photo

Train journey hazardous in northern districts

From Our Correspondent

class is compartments have

minimum amenities for the

passengers including sitting

arrangement. All most all the

second class compartments

are furnished with some ordi-

nary benches. Window shut-

ters, ceiling fans have disap-

remain dirty all the times and

create bad smell that pollutes

the environment. In most of

the compartments, there are

neither electricity nor water

to suffer a lot of inconvenience.

Due to absence of window

shutters. It becomes hard to

stay inside the compartment

Carrying of unbooked goods

has become a regular feature in

the local and mail trains before

the TTE. Some dishonest TTE

GRP man and Railway employ-

ces collected fare from the

passengers who have got no

tickets. The collected money

are being distributed among

the employees depriving gov-

ernment from genuine rev-

Pilferage of fuel from loco-

motives and ferry boats has

now become an established

crime in different junction

At present inter-city ex-

Ten lakh saplings to be planted

in Chandpur this year

the afforestation programme a

of different kinds have already

been planted on both sides of

Kachua-Kaliapara Road and

in the Prime Minister's office,

inaugurated a tree planting

programme here on the first

day of the Tree Planting Week

He planted saplings on the

DC's office premises and dis

cussed the importance of trees

in environment protection at a

meeting presided over by the

sent government attached top

priority to afforestation pro-

He retterated that the pre-

The meeting was attended

Development Association of

Barisal (DAB), a non-govern-

ment organisation has dis-

tributed 2,000 saplings of dif

ferent varieties among the

members of the association as

a part of its tree plantation

The plants are of guava,

The organisation will also

distribute 5,000 saplings

among the members of Barisal

Sadar, Babugoni and Wazirpur

thanas of the district during

A seminar on tree planta-

Deputy Commissioner.

by the clite of the town.

raintree, and mehagani.

the current season.

programme.

M Hassan Ahmed, Secretary

Baburhat-Matlab Road.

on Wednesday.

About ten thousand saplings

stations and ferry ghats.

during heavy rain.

As a result, passengers are

The toilets of the trains

peared from its location.

GAIBANDHA, July 7: Train journey in northern districts has become troublesome and the withdrawal of some trains from different sections has worsened the situation.

Shortage of engine and passenger coaches are the main reason for the withdrawal local trains. Due to shortage of trains, passengers have been suffering much in all the sec-

Moreover, increasing number of ticketless passengers and unbooked goods in different local and mail trains have become a regular feature. Corruption and mismanagement have crippled the economy of Railway.

A negligible number of trains run everyday in different sections of northern districts. The authority could not increase the number of trains which can cope with the increasing rush of passengers. Everyday thousands of passengers travel to and from different stations in the area.

As a result, trains are always found over crowded. The passengers even travel on roof top, foot board and connecting space in between two bogies.

Only four to five old and small compartments are attached to the trains. The passengers often press the authority against the small space inside the compartment. The old and women passengers are found helpless ard the trains at different

CHANDPUR, July 7: A

massive afforestation pro-

gramme has been undertaken

by the district administration

A meeting of the cross sec-

tion of people was held on July

2 in this connection at the

Deputy Commissioner's con-

ference room. The district

administration has taken a

programme to plant ten lakh

saplings in different thanas

and Chandpur district this

Yakub Ali, Deputy Commi-

ssioner was formed to make

Chicken pox

breaks out

in Habiganj

Chicken pox has broken out in

certain areas of the district

including the town causing

panic among the people, re-

According to unofficial

sources, hundreds of people

including women and children

in Habiganj pourashava arcas

have reported sick with chie-

than 200 others have been at-

tacked in the eight thanas of

Informed sources said more

eently, reports UNB.

the district.

HABIGANJ, July 7:

A committee headed by Mo

of Chandpur, reports BSS.

press trains could not provide Although there are second adequate amenities for the class compartments in local passengers due to negligence and mail trains. The second of concerned authority.

> The authority should find out the root of corruption that paralysing the Railway, a source disclosed.

Irregularities in W Zone found

An earlier BSS report from Rajshahi adds: Senior Officers of Bangladesh Railway, West Zone, while conducting surprise visits recently in different stations found irregularitics in booking goods showing less weight than the actual, under loading of government food grains, lack of cleanliness in inter-city trains.

Fifteen persons of the staff responsible for the irregularities have been placed under suspension. They are Mohammad Ali-txr/ Rajshahi, Afzal Hossain-Booking Asstt/ Bheramara, Abdul Gofur- SM (grade-4)/Bejerdanga, Abdur Rashid-SM (grade-4)/Safdarpur, Badruddoza-SM (grade-4)/Bhcramara, Munsur Ali-SM (grade-4)/Bheramara, Oliul Ismam-SM (grade-4)/ Jessore cantonment, Shahjaman-Booking Asstt/Chuadanga, Shah Ali-Booking Asst/ Ahsangoni, Noor Islam -SM (grade-4)/ Rajarhat, Nasiruddin-SM (grade-4)/ Bharat Khali, Rustom Ali -tya/ Khulna. A Sattar- tya/ Khulna, Mahbubtya/ Khulna, Animul Islam- tya/

tion and environment was held

Friday at local Shilpakala

Forest Department jointly

District administration and

Academy.

One gets life-term, 3 others to suffer 6-yr RI for murder

2000 erosion victims

demand relief

PABNA, July 7: About 2,000

victims of crosion and flood

demonstrated at Bera thana

on Monday demanding relief as

two surging rivers continued

to devour villages and crop-

They also demanded of the

The demonstrators submit-

Mcanwhile, 175 families

ted a memorandum containing

their demands to the Thana

were rendered homeless in

Bera and Sujanagar thanas of

government to take steps for

checking unabated crosion by

the Padma and the Jamuna in

land, reports UNB.

greater Pabna.

Nirbahi Officer.

Second Additional District and Sessions Judge, Syed Enyet one Bazlul Karim to life imprisonment and three others to six years' imprisonment cach for killing Ali Ahmed of Khagria Dharmapur of Satkania

awarded one and a half years' imprisonment to five persons of the same area for their involvement in the murder.

short is that Bazlul Karim and other accused persons killed Ali Ahmed son of Moulvi Tafael Ahmed of village Khagoria-Dharmapur of Satkania thana on February 21, 1985 with gun

case was filed with Satkania thana in this connection. Po-

the district in the last 24

hours by the swelling Jamuna,

Standing crops in 140 acres

With this, the number of

homeless families rose to

10,000 in greater Pabna dur-

ing this monsoon, the officials

said. Crops in about 7,000

Besides, 500 handlooms

and five educational institu-

tions have gone into the gorge

of the rivers in the current

acres of land were damaged.

of land in 10 villages of the two

thanas were also washed away

officials said.

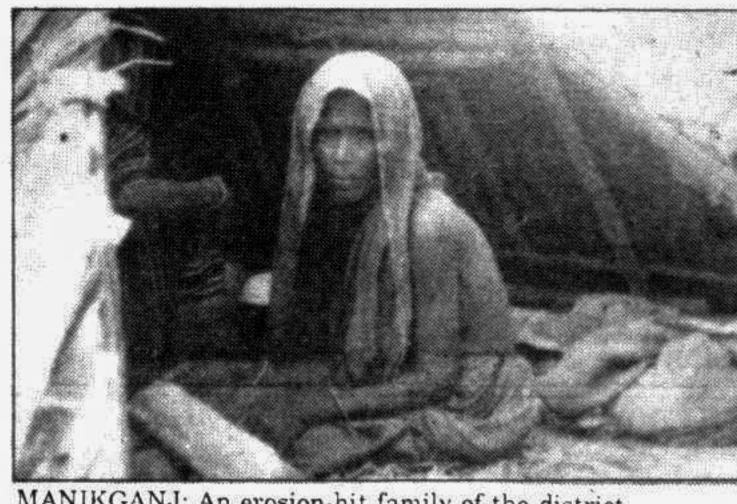
during the period.

rainy scasons.

ined a number of witnesses Public Prosecutor Abu Salch

Chowdhury, advocates Serajul Huq Faruqui, Abdul Khaleque (Shahjahan), Ahmad Hussain and others appeared on behalf of the state while advocates Aminul Islam, Ahsanul Iluq (Hena) Pradip Bhattacharya and Manzur Ahmad defended the accused person.

The annual Urs of Sufi Moon July 8.



- Star photo

Bus journey on various routes troublesome

GAZIPUR, July 7: Bus journey on various routes of the district has become hazardous due to violation of traffic rules. undue fare charge and bad condition of the reads, reports

able fare above the normal rate often leads to altercations and scuffics between conductors and passengers.

There is constant haggling over fare on the bus although the busfare in all the routes had been fixed by the authorities, some regular passengers informed.

roads and highways has also made the journey further troublesome. Most of the roads are in the worst shape, unfit for safe movement of vehicular The roads from Gazipur to

Kapasia and Tongi to Kaligoni are very narrow causing great difficulties in vehicular move-The only ferry boat across

the river Balu on way to Kaliganj can hardly cope with the increasing traffic. The Dhaka-Kaligani road

crosses the Dhaka-Chittagong railway at four points namely Tongi, Bhadun, Shimulia and Daripara but no signal gates have so long been erected to prevent possible accident. The drivers hardly observe

traffic rules, stopping at will carrying passengers and goods on the narrow and rough

on the rooftops and speeding

Law enforcing agencies have been urged to be more active and mobile, courts to be more The farmers of the district

demanded introduction of crop insurance which they said would boost agricultural production greatly. Taking to UNB, some lead-

ing farmers said that they face great hardship almost every year due to massive damage to crops done by natural calamities like drought, flood nor wester, tornado.

Introduction of crop insurance system has proved successful in many countries of the world, and Bangladesh would also be greatly benefited by it, farmers and specialists

Ganja recovered in Barisal

Department of Barisal has recovered 19 ganja plants and 100 grams of hemp from a home at Masjeed Para of Kashipur area of Barisal Sadar thana recently. Hemp is being cultivated

there for long, official source A case was lodged with

Sadar thana in this connection.

Farmers in sugar mills area get Tk 2.50 cr loan RAJSHAHI, July 7: Natore Puthia Road here.

Sugar Mills authority has disbursed about Taka 2.50 crore loan among the farmers for sugarcane cultivation, reports

According to official sources, a scheme has been taken up to bring 18,000 acres of land under sugarcane farming in the current season in mill zone areas.

The mill sources said an additional amount of Taka 1.20 erore loan will be disbursed within a few months for purchasing fertilizers and pesti-

Local people and traders have demanded construction of a waiting shed at Taherpur hat point on the BhabaniganjTaherpur hat, situated four

miles west of Natore town is a busy commercial centre. Many schools, colleges and madrasas are also situated here. A large number of people go through Taherpur hat every day. A waiting shed for com-

muters would protect them from rain and sun, they said. These schools are being

built at a cost of about Taka 13.50 crore. The schools under con-

struction are 30 in Rajshahi region, 18 in Pabna and Stratganj region, 20 in Bogra and Joypurhat region and 45 in Rangpur and Dinajpur region, the source added.

Votes from Comilla

COMILLA, July 7: The Commilla Football League Championship begins on August 7 next, according to a decision taken in the football parishad meeting held here recently, reports UNB.

It was presided over by Amzad Hossain, SP and President, Football Parishad,

The meeting also decided to hold coaching camp from July 16 for under-16 players. Those who participated in any first division football match would not be allowed in the coaching camp.

The trainer selected by Comilla DSA will chose participants for the camp.

School teacher stabbed to death

An aged school teacher of Gandhachi village in Chauddagram thana of the district was stabbed to death recently.

According to family sources, while the victim Serajul Islam (50) was sleeping in his house at night on July 25 a gang of miscreants stabbed on his ch est through the window of his bcd room.

Islam died on way to hospital. The body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

A case has filed with the police but none was arrested so far in this connection.

JP demands Ershad's release

The district Jatiya Party in a meeting at the town hall demanded immediate release of their party chief H M Ershad recently. Presided over by former MP

ad Comilla unit president of Jatiya Party Ansar Ahmed, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Anwarul Kader, Yousuf Zamil Babu, Zahangir Alam, Hasan Imam and Kamrul Hasan Babul. The speakers expressed

concern over the spread of terrorism in the country and criticised the government for its failure to ensure the security of the peaceloving citizens.

Later a procession was brought out parading the main roads of the town carrying posters, banners and chanting slogans in support of their demand

Meritorious students awarded stipends

A total of 83 meritorious students were awarded stipends of Dr Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury Foundation re-

The stipends were given on the basis of SSC and HSC examinations results of the year 1990-91 under the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Comilla (BISEC), at a simple ccremony, foundation sources said.

The ccremony held at the Board's auditorium with Prof Abdul Aziz, Chairman BISEC in the chair on June 18.

Dr Sultan Ahmed Chowdhury, founder of the foundation and Ferdous Khan, former DPI were present as the special and chief guests respectively on the occasion.

Workshop on Islamic edn concludes

MEHERPUR, July 7: A twoday workshop on Islamic eduction was held recently at Islamic Foundation auditorium

here recently, reports UNB. Sponsored by Islamic Foundation, Meherpur district branch, the inaugural function of the workshop was presided over by Mohammad Abdul Hamid Khan. Principal Dr. Anwarul Karim was present as chief guest.

UP chairmen meet held

TANGAIL, July 7: Fifth Union Parishad chairmen of Tangail district attended an introduction meeting with los cal BNP leaders at district BNP office recently, reports BSS,

Shamsul Haque, Town President of BNP presided over the meeting. The attending Union Parishad chairmen expressed their cooperation to the government in implementing nincteen point programme which was instituted by Shahid President Ziaur Rahman.

Flash flood in low-lying areas

NETRAKONA, July 7: Heavy downpour for consecutive five days and on-rush of hilly water from the Garo region caused moderate flood in the low-lying areas of Durgapur and Kalmakanda thanas in Netrakona district, reports BSS. Aus paddy and aman seed

beds in some places have gone under water an unofficial report reaching here said. Local officials however were

skeptic about the report.

ARRI-VARSITY: Artistes rendering songs at a function held at the Shilpacharya Zaniul Abedin auditorium recently to bid the 18th batch of B Sc Fisheries (Hons) students of BAU fareweil. -Star photo

CHITTAGONG, July 7: The and other lethal weapons. A Ullah on Sunday sentenced lice submitted chargesheet against the accused person. The learned judge exam-

Police Station, reports BSS. The learned judge also

The prosecution story in

and gave the judgement.

hammad Peyar Box Shah was held at West Madar Bari here

MANIKGANJ: An erosion-hit family of the district.

sponsored the seminar. It was The demand of unreasonattended by officials, clite and NGO representatives. The seminar stressed the

need of mass participation in tree plantation programme. 1 S Z M Akramuzzaman Deputy Commission, Tangai was the main speaker. Among others Al-haj Abdur Rahman, Rafigul Islam Ratan and Mohammad Ali spoke on the The deplorable condition of

occasion. Smuggled goods worth Tk one lakh

seized JIIENIDAII, July 7 : Kaligani police seized contraband goods worth about Taka one lakh

from a coach recently, reports Acting on secret information, a continent of police challenged a Dhaka bound night coach from Chuadanga at Mobarakganj rail gate and recovered the smuggled goods.

Nine was arrested in this con-The contraband items included 82 pieces of Indian silk sarees and 175 bottles of

phensidyl syrup.

BARISAL, July 7: Narcotics