

**District roundup**

**CHUADANGA**  
**Indian pesticides flood markets**

**From Our Correspondent**  
July 10: Indian pesticides of inferior quality have flooded markets of Chuadanga district. Some dishonest traders are selling Indian pesticides in the rural markets. The farmers are purchasing pesticides without knowing the effects of chemical reaction. These are like agroherb, lodinhibel and acronilbish are freely sold at a very cheap price. The agricultural scientists said that the extensive use of Indian pesticides decreases productive capacity and destroys soil fertility. The spurious pesticides are also causing health hazard and various kinds of ailments to the consumers of agro-products.

To save the fertility of land, sale of contraband pesticides should be stopped and stringent action should be taken against those unscrupulous dealers and sellers as well, it is felt.

**SATKHIRA**  
**Private tuition hampering edn.**

**From Our Correspondent**  
July 10: Private tutors are in great demand in Satkhira and its suburbs of the town. Most of the teachers of the government and non-government schools and colleges are engaged in private tuition. The teachers of secondary schools have established mini-private schools in their houses to teach students in shifts fixing exorbitant tuition fees varying from Taka 300 per month from students of class six to ten. A teacher teaches a number of batches of students from dawn to dusk. The teaching in secondary schools and colleges is being hampered to a great extent owing to large scale private coaching by the teachers.

**KISHOREGANJ**  
**Vast tract of land under pest attack**

**From Our Correspondent**  
July 10: A vast tract of land have been affected by pests in six upazilas of the district. The upazilas the Pakundia, Hossainpur, Katiadi, Karimganj, Bhairab and Sadar thana. Leading farmers said that Mazra, Pamri and Mak-arsha have been extensively damaging the aus paddy fields in the area. Local Agricultural Department has been informed of the pest attack but no action has yet been taken, they informed. Besides, Deputy Director of the District Agriculture Extension Department said that steps were taken to contain the menace and the situation was under control. Meanwhile, farmers informed that pesticides are scarce in the market and are being sold at an exorbitant price which are beyond their purchasing capacity. They urged the authorities to spray insecticides on the affected cropplands without further delay so that crop production target in the area can be achieved.

**BARISAL**  
**Gang leader of dacoits nabbed**

**From Our Correspondent**  
July 10: One Hakim Ali, leader of a gang of armed dacoits allegedly entangled with the dacoits in trawlers in the Meghna river was arrested by the Mehendiganj police. It is learnt that Hakim Ali with his other accomplices recently committed dacoits in a trawler carrying sugar, fertilizers, cement, soya-bean oil, biscuits and other merchandise goods of about Taka one crore near Kaliganj Bazar of Mehendiganj last Saturday. These merchandise goods were on the way to Dhaka from Hatia and Sandip of Chittagong.

**AGRI-VARSITY**  
**BAU tree Planting programme opens**

July 10: The tree planting programme of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) was held here at the field adjacent to its first gate recently, reports UNB. The BAU-Vice-Chancellor Prof Ashraf Ali Khan inaugurated the programme by planting a sapling of Mahogany. A total of 5000 saplings of Mahogany, Acacia, Sisso, Se-gun and Jackfruit will be planted in various areas of the campus as part of the country-wide week long tree planting programme, says a press release.

**NOAKHALI**  
**Sonali Bank disburses Tk 6.46 lakh agri-loan**

July 10: Sonali Bank has disbursed Taka 6.46 lakh out of its total allocation of Taka 10 lakh to 161 farmers as agri-loan in six thanas of the district, reports UNB. The bank disbursed the loan through its 18 branches of the district, officials said. Bank sources said Taka 3.50 lakh has been disbursed to the nine farmers in Sadar thana, Taka 55,000 to 23 farmers in Begumganj, Taka 1.10 lakh to 28 farmers in Chatkhil, Taka 68,000 to and Taka 35,000 to seven farmers in Hatiya thanas.

**MADARIPUR**  
**Two commit suicide**

**From Our Correspondent**  
July 10: Two persons committed suicide here by taking poison recently. It is learnt that the victims were, Borhan Khan (20) of Kalkini village and another Harichan Mallick (22) of Nabogram under Kalkini upazila of the district.

The accused of the suicide could not be ascertained immediately. Two separate cases were lodged with Kalkini thana in this connection. Brother and sister drowned in a pond here recently. The victims were one Enamul (8) and his sister Sukhi (6) drowned in a pond of village Kalay Sardarcherar under Kalkini upazila of the district.

**SYLHET**  
**Body of youngman recovered**

**From Our Correspondent**  
July 10: The body of a youngman was recovered from the river Surma in the town recently. According to the report, Shaifur Rahman Mintu (22), son of late Advocate Mokhlisur Rahman of Taltal area of Sylhet town did not reach their house after he went out of the house. No trace of him was found even after a long search in different places of the town. After two days, his body was found floating in the river Surma near the Tukerbazar area. He was later buried at the graveyard adjacent to the smajrat Hajrat Shahjalal (R). A case of unnatural death was registered with Kotwali police station in this connection. The victim was mentally retarded, it is learnt.

**NAOGAON**  
**Compulsory pry education programme inaugurated**

July 10: The compulsory primary education programme was inaugurated here at the Sadar thana office premises by Shamsuddin Ahmed MP recently, reports UNB. In his speech Ahmed called upon the primary teachers to work with dedication to make the programme a success. He said without removing the curse of illiteracy from the society no development efforts for the wellbeing of the common people would be useful. He said the present government said special emphasis on the elimination of the curse of illiteracy and sanctioned more money on priority basis to achieve the goal. He urged the affluent section of the society to come forward to help enkindle the light of education among the commonmen. The meeting was also addressed by local UNO Pranab Kumar, Education Officer Alisar Ali and Kazi Akhteruzzaman.

**JAMALPUR**  
**Seminar on 'population control' concludes**

**From Our Correspondent**  
July 10: A seminar on "Population Control" concluded here at Shanandabari college auditorium recently. Dewaniganj Thana Family Planning Department organized the seminar. Abdul Hai presided over the seminar. It was addressed among others by Prof Abdul Ghani, Iddris Ali, Akhbar Hossain, Al-Haj Yousof Ali, Akhramuddin. Another report adds: Jatiyotabadi Chhatra Dal swept the majority seats in Dewaniganj Abdul Khaleque Memorial College Union Poll held here recently. AKM Monirul Haque and Mauidul Islam were elected as Vice-President General Secretary respectively.



BARGUNA: The erosion-hit thana LSD godown and livestock office at Amtali.

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**Erosion renders hundreds homeless in Jamalpur, Rangpur**

JAMALPUR, July 10: About two hundred and fifty families were rendered homeless by erosion of the river Brahmaputra and aus and jute crops on 800 acres of land affected by flood in two unions under Sadar thana of the district, reports BSS.

Affected unions are Tulshir Char and Laxmirchar. According to Samidul Islam, Chairman Tulshirchar Union, two hundred families of village Madhyagajaria, Sattantala and Digirchar were rendered homeless and standing aus paddy and jute on 700 acres of land were affected by erosion and flood. Homeless families took shelter on Tulshirchar Flood Control Embankment.

Tofazzal Hossain, Chairman Laxmirchar Union said that about fifty families were rendered homeless and standing crops on one hundred acres of land affected in villages of Bhatipara, Ujanpara and Char-

gajaria. Over 200 families of Nohali Union of Gangachara thana of the district were rendered homeless by the continued erosion of the river Teesta during the last one month. The homeless people who took shelter on flood control embankment and roadsides have been passing their days in extreme hardship due to lack relief materials.

Moreover, about 400 families of the union were marooned following the rise in the water level of the river Teesta. Six out of eight kilometre long flood control embankment in the union were also eroded during the last three years and at least 3,000 families were rendered homeless during the period.

The Water Development Board, however, constructed alternate cross dam to protect the Nohali union, but local people apprehended that it

might be washed away during the time of flood due to its unplanned construction.

Another report from Jamalpur says: One man was killed on the spot and seven others were injured in two separate road mishaps in the district during the last two days.

Police sources said in one accident a Dhaka bound minibuss knocked down, a speeding tempo on Jamalpur-Dhaka road at Titpallah union in Sadar thana on Monday noon injuring six passengers. They were rushed to the Sadar hospital.

In another mishap an unidentified passerby was killed on the spot on Jamalpur-Nandina road when knocked down by a speeding motor cycle on Tuesday. The motor cycle rider was also injured seriously.

Two separate cases have been registered with the local police.

**Notes from Jhenidah**

**From Our Correspondent**

JHENIDAH, July 8: A total of 43 candidates of Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination have been expelled at six centres in Jhenidah recently.

According to examination centres sources, of the total, 28 candidates have been expelled from Jhenidah Govt K C College Centre, five from Moheshpur College, three each from Kaliganj Mahatabuddin College and Kotchandpur, Mosharraf Hossain College centres and 2 each from Shalakuppa College and Harinakunda Govt Lalanshah College for adopting unfair means during the last six days of examination. A total of 2436 candidates appeared in the ongoing HSC examination, the source said.

**School girl commits suicide**

A girl student Parul (14), daughter of Lukman Hossain of village Laudia in Sadar thana committed suicide by taking poison here recently. Police said the victim Parul took poison at her residence and was rushed to the hospital where she died.

The cause of suicide could not be ascertained immediately, the source said. A UD case was recorded with Jhenidah thana.

**Police action on newsmen condemned**

Members of Jhenidah Press Club in a meeting held at its office recently condemned the police action on journalists in Dhaka on June 21.

Presided over by Islamuddin, the meeting was addressed among others by Advocate M A Ansary, Nazrul Islam and Prof Aminur Rahman.

**Posting of DC demanded**

The Jhenidah district administration is running without any Deputy Commissioner for the last one and half months affecting the normal activities of the district. The former Deputy Commissioner M M Al-Farouque transferred left Jhenidah handing over the charge to Khalilur Rahman, Additional District Magistrate on May 19 and since then the post has been lying vacant.

**Bank Manager, 3 others face misappropriation charge of Tk 35 lakh**

FENI, July 10: Police charge-sheeted a bank official and three other businessmen for misappropriation deposits of Taka 35 lakh of a local bank on July 7, reports UNB.

The accused were former Manager Jane Alam and businessmen and former Chairman of Kajinbagh Union Parishad Abdul Majid, Tofael Ahmed and Abul Hashim.

According to the investigation report, the Manager of Janata Bank, Feni Branch along with the others misappropriated the deposits in August 1990.

A case was filed against them by the Bank authority. Jane Alam who went into hiding soon after the incident died recently.

Bangladesh Rifles seized contraband goods worth about Taka 6 lakh and arrested three alleged smugglers from Mohipal bus stand near the town on Saturday.

Acting on secret information, the BDR jawans in two separate raids searched five passenger buses at the bus stand and recovered the contraband goods.

The contraband goods included 1547 pieces of Indian sarces and 100 bottles of phenicidyl syrup. They also seized five vehicles.

The arrested were identified as Sirajul Haq of Sundarpur village in Sadar thana, Shamsuddin of Noakhali Sadar thana and Nasruddin of village Karianagar in Chittagong district.

The contraband goods were later handed over to the local customs authority and cases were filed with the police.

A 3-day training programme of the Union Parishad Chairmen concluded here Thursday.

**School boy killed in road accident**

JHENIDAH, July 10: A school boy was killed in a road accident Wednesday at Barobazar of Kaliganj thana on Jhenidah-Jessore road, reports UNB.

Police and eyewitnesses said the victim Alam (16), son of Amir Uddin and a student of class X of Barobazar high school, died on the spot when a Jessore bound mini bus knocked him down from behind while he was crossing the road.

The driver managed to flee with the vehicle.

A case has been filed with the Kaliganj police.

**BR goods fare increase discouraging clients**

**From Our Correspondent**

MAULVI BAZAR, July 10: Bangladesh Railway has been losing its commercial clients due to rise in fare of railway wagon.

Tea companies of Maulvibazar and Habiganj districts used to hire the railway wagon for transportation of tea at a special fare rate. But the Bangladesh Railway authority has withdrawn their special rate for tea planters recently. For this, tea companies of the area now used truck-lorry for transportation of tea. The truck fare is much lower than the railway fare.

It is learnt that the fare per wagon from Kulara, Sreemangal and Sayestaganj to port city Chittagong was fixed at Taka 6,700. But the authority increased it to Taka 12,500. This rate is comparatively higher than the road transport. So tea companies stopped their booking and diverted their goods to road transport.

For this, most rail-wagons remain idle every day causing heavy losses to Bangladesh Railway.

After the independence of Bangladesh, the road communication of the country has developed than that of Railway.

Tea companies of these two districts took this advantage of easy communication and used truck-lorry for their tea transportation.

The Bangladesh Railway authority took up special arrangements to reduce the rate of fare for tea transportation in the year 1983-84, which attracted tea companies and they started use the rail wagon.

In 1989, the railway authority increased fare of goods by 20 per cent, but tea was excluded from this increased rate. For the constructive decision, Bangladesh Railway had transported huge quantity of tea in last two years.

**Diarrhoea claims seven, attacks 200 others**

SIRAJGANJ, July 10: Diarrhoea claimed seven lives and attacked 200 others over the last one week in Kazipur, Chowhall and Tarash thanas of the district, reports UNB.

According to local people, three people died in Tarash, two each in Kazipur and Chowhall thanas.

The worst affected unions are Char Girish, Khashrajbari and Tekani of Kazipur, char area of Chowhall and Chalanbil of Tarash thanas.

Officials at Civil Surgeon Office here, however, denied the death report but admitted that some people have been affected by the disease.

Scarcity of Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) is prevailing in 16 northern districts due to short supply of gas cylinders at the Baghabari Oil Depot in the district, official sources said.

Regional office of the Petroleum Corporation in Bogra told UNB that oil depot at Sirajganj could not supply optimum quantity of LPG to the northern districts as different oil companies — Padma, Jamma and Meghna — at Chittagong have failed to supply necessary cylinders. Each district, at present, requires 10,000 LPG cylinders

while the Baghabari Depot can supply only 613 cylinders, sources at Baghabari said Wednesday.

Ten people have been awarded life-term in absentia for killing a man at Karamullah Market in Kaladrap Union of the district.

**Nirmul body unit meet held in Rangpur**

RANGPUR, July 10: A protest meeting of district Ghatok Dal Nirmul Committee was held at Clock Bazar Ashrotpur of the town on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Presided over by A B M Afzal the meeting was addressed among others by Mohammad Afzal, Secretary of Ganotantri Party, Advocate Nazrul Islam, Convener of district Nirmul Committee, Anisul Haque Chowdhury, President of district Awami League, Mozaffar Hossain Chand, Mukti-jodha Commander and Gausul Azam of BSD.

The speakers strongly protested the case filed against 16 local student leaders by Islami Chhatra Shibir for killing a Shibir activist Moonsur Ali.



RAJBARI: The annual drama competition of Rajbari Government College held here at the local railway auditorium under the auspices of the chhatra sangsad recently. — Star photo

**BDR opens fire: 1 killed, 5 hurt in C'nawabganj**

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, July 10: One person was killed and five others injured when BDR opened fire at some miscreants trying to smuggle cattleheads in village Ramchandrapur in Sadar upazila Wednesday, reports UNB.

Angry villagers entered into a clash with the patrolling police when their attempt to take away the alleged smuggled cattleheads were resisted.

At one stage, police was forced to open fire on the crowd to control the situation. The body of the unidentified person was sent to the local morgue for autopsy.

It has been alleged that during the clash goods worth Taka 8 lakh were being looted from different shops in that locality.

**Construction of 22 pry schools complete**

MYMENSINGH, July 10: Construction and repair of 22 primary schools, five Primary Training Institutes (PTI) and one District Primary Education office at a cost of Taka 3,40,46,000 was completed in the last fiscal year in Mymensingh Zone, reports BSS.

Mymensingh Zone includes Tangail, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrakona, Kishoreganj and Mymensingh districts.

According to an official source, the projects included construction of eight two-storied primary schools at a cost of Taka 128.56 lakh, one three-storied women hostel of Mymensingh PTI against Taka 59.46 lakh and one two-storied district primary education office at Netrakona at a cost of Taka 18.86 lakh. The projects also included

repair and extension work of 14 primary schools at a cost of Taka 4.77 lakh and four PTI buildings at a cost of Taka 68.2 lakh.

**Judicial confce**

The first judicial conference of Mymensingh district was held at the chamber of District and Sessions Judge recently.

Presided over by Alhaj M A Salam District and Sessions Judge, Mymensingh the conference was addressed by Advocate Shamsuddin Ahmed, Public Prosecutor, Advocate M A Latif, government pleader, Advocate Zahurul Haque President Mymensingh Bar Association, Advocate Kabiruddin Bhuiyan, Secretary Mymensingh Bar Association and Nawab Ali Secretary Mymensingh Press Club.