

District roundup

BARGUNA
Maid-servant gang-raped by miscreants

From Our Correspondent

July 11: One Mamotaz Begum (14), a maid-servant daughter of Chand Mia of village Chawra Kalbari under Amtali thana was allegedly going raped by some miscreants recently.

It is learnt, the victim Mamotaz Begum while staying at the house of Dhalu Mia of Amtali Bandor, Afzal Hossain along with his accomplices entered the house and took her to ferryghat forcibly and raped her indiscriminately. The local people recovered her and sent her to Amtali hospital in critical condition.

A case has been lodged with Amtali thana in this connection. But none has yet been arrested.

GAIBANDHA
One fake HSC examinee nabbed

From Our Correspondent

July 11: One fake HSC examinee was arrested from Bonarpara Collage Examination Hall under Shaghat thana recently.

Sahadat Hossain (28) on July 2 was appearing at the examination on behalf of original candidate Md Jahangir Alam bearing Roll No 503 at Bonarpara Collage Centre.

During examination on duty magistrate challenged Shadat Hossain and asked his father's name. Unfortunately Shadat could not reply. All on a sudden, the candidate jumped through the window and tried to flee away. On duty police however chased him and apprehended from a nearby house. A case was filed against the fake candidate.

JAMALPUR
Reunion of RU students held

July 11: A re-union ceremony of former and present students of Rajshahi University residing in the district was held at local Public Hall auditorium recently, reports UNB.

Presided over by Prof Mujibur Rahman the function was addressed among others by Abul Kalam Azad, Prof Ekramuddin, Prof MA Mannan, Prof Motiur Rahman, Prof Ali Akbar Fakir and Advocate Arbindo Nag.

They recollected their memories during their studies in the university. A colourful cultural function was held later.

SATKHIRA
Minor boy die, 5 become sick eating Potka fish

July 11: A minor boy died and five others of his family became sick following eating Potka fish at Shyamnagar thana Thursday last, reports UNB.

It was learnt that Abdul Jabbar of village Khekradana of the thana bought some Potka fish from a local market. All members of his family after eating the cooked fish fell sick.

They were rushed to Shyamnagar Hospital where Shahidul Islam (7), son of Abdul Jabbar, died.

Other five Abdul Jabbar his wife Sufia, sons Kader, Mizan and Shaiful are still in hospital.

Abdul Jabbar said one of his cow and five hens also died after eating mixed rice with Potka fish curry.

RANGPUR
20 hurt in road mishap

July 11: At least 20 people were injured, seven seriously, in a road accident on Rangpur-Kurigram road at Nijpara village near Kaunia thana on Sunday last, reports UNB.

Police sources said, the accident occurred when a Rangpur bound minibus (Rangpur BA-6998) collided with a speeding truck (Dhaka TA-3110) coming from opposite direction.

Seriously wounded were rushed to the Rangpur Medical College Hospital and Kaunia thana health complex. They were identified as Zola (50), Sirajul Haq (50), Babu (15), Abdul Hanif (25), Laily (24), Rina (25) and Enamul Haq (25).

A case has been filed with local police

NOAKHALI
Training course of UP chairmen concludes

July 11: A 3-day training programme of the Union Parishad Chairmen concluded at Majdee Court Thursday last, reports UNB.

Jointly organised by the district administration and NILG, the training was arranged at the Deputy Commissioner's Hall.

It was inaugurated on July 6 to impart training on various subjects including local administration, policy and implementation.

A total of 58 Union Parishad Chairmen took part in the training programme.

PABNA
DC, SP posts lying vacant for few months

July 11: Two vital posts including the Deputy Commissioner in the district have been lying vacant for last few months seriously hampering the activities of the district, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the post of Deputy Commissioner is lying vacant for last two months and the post of Additional Superintendent of Police for last five months.

As a result all important work of the district remained pending.

People of the district urged upon the authority to fill up the posts immediately.

SYLHET
Miscreants attack on cop, one held

From Our Correspondent

July 11: One person was arrested by the police when a gang of miscreants tried to snatch away an accused from the police custody at Sylhet town recently.

According to the report, at about 2-30 PM on the day of incident, a police party was taking some accused persons from the District Judge Court to the court hajat, suddenly a group of people attacked the police party and tried to snatch away an accused from police custody, but failed as the police caught hold one of them. The others then managed to escape from the place.

The arrested person had been identified as Jamaluddin of village Choria under Beanibazar thana.

A case in this connection had been registered with the police.

TANGAIL
School student stabbed

July 11: Santa, a student of Sibnath High School got serious stab and axe injury Wednesday last at Tangail town Bara Pukurpar. He was sent to Dhaka Pangu Hospital in critical condition.

Miscreants with daggers and China axe allegedly attacked him.

A case was registered with Tangail thana.

PATUAKHALI
Construction of gymnasium near completion

July 11: The construction of the district gymnasium is nearing completion, reports UNB.

Official sources said over Taka 50 lakh would be spent for construction of the gymnasium.

They gymnasium will be well equipped with all modern facilities. When completed, it will create opportunities and scopes for imparting physical exercise and body building techniques for the adults as well for the children.

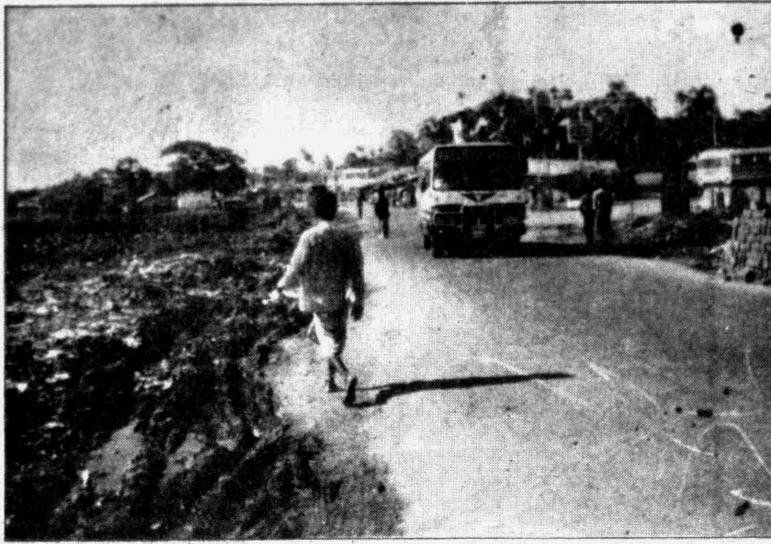
The gymnasium is expected to be opened in August.

JHENIDAH
First day of HSC exams passes peacefully

July 11: The first day of the Higher Secondary Certificate examination was held peacefully here Thursday, reports UNB.

HSC examinations under the four boards began all over the country on Thursday.

No expulsion were reported from any of the seven centres. Total 2436 candidates appeared for the examination.



MAULVIBAZAR: Garbage are kept beside the roads of the town which pollutes the environment. — Star photo

Inadequate rainfall hits standing aus, aman paddy

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, July 11: Standing aus and broadcasting aman paddy on 73,000 acres but only 9,500 acres have been cultivated. The cultivation of jute was fixed at 28,000 acres but only 18,500 acres have been brought under the cultivation during the current season.

Though it is rainy season, there was no sufficient rainfall in the district this year. It has been raining here with an interval of about seven to ten days and as a result standing aus, broadcasting aman and jute on 90,000 acres of land are threatened to be damaged.

During the current season, 63,000 acres of land have been brought under aus cultivation, 10,000 acres under broadcasting aman cultivation and 18,500 acres under jute cultivation in the district.

It can be mentioned here that the cultivation of aus, broadcasting aman and jute could not be achieved this year in the district due to unprecedented drought.

The cultivation target of aus paddy during the current season was fixed at 82,000 acres but only 63,000 acres have been brought under cultivation. The agriculture department

fixed a target to cultivate broadcasting aman on 14000 acres but only 9,500 acres have been cultivated. The cultivation of jute was fixed at 28,000 acres but only 18,500 acres have been brought under the cultivation during the current season.

The agriculture of the district largely depends on the irrigation and it is being hampered to a great extent due to many problems including fall in ground water level, mechanical trouble of the irrigation pumps and shortage and high price of the fuel.

It is learnt that hundreds of pump machine remain inoperative due to shortage of spare parts and shortage of fuel. The power based irrigation pumps are seen idle for erratic power supply.

Massive aus farming scheme taken up

UNB from Jhanidah says: A massive scheme has been taken up to bring 1,75,370 acres of land under transplanted aman cultivation in six thanas of the district this season.

According to the Agriculture Extension Department, of the total, 1,67,960 acres will be brought under High Yielding Variety and 7,410 acres under local variety.

About 9000 acres of seed-beds have already been prepared. Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation will supply necessary fertilizers, pesticides and other necessary inputs among the farmers at fair prices.

With the implementation of the programme, it is expected that about 1,80,940 metric tons of rice will be produced in the district.

The district Pourashava has approved its annual budget of Taka 1,99,10,657 for the current fiscal year.

The ADC and Poura Administrator-in-Charge Mizanur Rahman announced the budget in a meeting held at its office recently.

The revenue earning has been shown at Taka 1,99,10,657 while the expenditure at Taka 1,97,05,956 leaving a surplus of Taka 2,04,701.

BCL rally demands eradication of violence from institutions

MAGURA, July 11: The activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) of the district brought out a procession recently demanding eradication of violence from the educational institutions, reports UNB.

They also paraded the main thoroughfares of the town and chanted various slogans in favour of their demand.

Later, a rally was held at the local Government College premises which was addressed, among others, by Jahangir Hossain, Amirul Islam, Saifuzzaman and Shekhor Ali.

The speakers urged the government to take effective measures to check violence on the campuses.

They also demanded immediate withdrawal of what they termed false cases against 60 students of Rajshahi University.

Later, they submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of the district.

Acute scarcity of fish in almost all the hats and bazars of the district is prevailing for long adversely affecting the consumers.

Local people complained that fish excepting hilsa have almost disappeared from the markets. Hilsa is also selling between Taka 70 and 80 per kilogram which is beyond the purchasing capacity of the common people.

Taking the advantage of the situation, meat sellers of the district have increased the price of meat only to add to the sufferings of the low income group of people.

Beef and mutton are being sold at Taka 60 and 90 per kilogram respectively against Taka 40 and 70 two months back. The prices of other essentials have also shot up abnormally.

Weavers of four thanas of the district have been facing manifold problems due to price hike of chemicals, raw materials and other necessary inputs.

Acid thrown on young girl

BRAHMANBARIA, July 11: A young girl in Krishnanagar village of Kasba thana received serious burn injuries when some miscreants splashed acid on her face on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The miscreants threw the acid on Milon Rani (15), daughter of Nani Gopal Shil, while she was washing her face at the tubewell in the premises of her house.

Local people said Rani was always being teased by her neighbours. Milon Rani was rushed to the Sadar hospital but no case was filed in this connection.

While taking to UNB some owners of the weaving factories said they can hardly buy the raw materials now selling at exorbitant prices in the local markets.

Besides, availability of synthetic clothes, imported old garments and smuggled Indian clothes from across the different border areas have reduced the demand of local handloom products.

Meanwhile, in absence of bank loan the weavers are compelled to borrow from money lenders at a high rate of interest compounding their miseries.

The weavers of the district urged the authorities to take necessary steps for saving their age-old and traditional industry immediately.

Prisoners in the district jail have complained of shortage of accommodation and scarcity of drinking water.

According to an official sources there are now 235 prisoners in the jail which has accommodation for only 50 prisoners.

Some prisoners, recently released from the jail alleged that quality and quantity of food supplied to the inmates were also substandard and inadequate.

They have urged the authorities to take necessary steps to solve the accommodation and drinking water problem.

One killed in Borguna, 4 cops suspended

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, July 11: Four police personnels were suspended temporarily of Borguna Sadar thana allegedly having been involved with the Mostafa murder case recently.

It is learnt that one Mostafa of Singrabunia village of Sadar thana was kidnapped by some people in disguise of police when he was catching fish in a nearby field in the dead of night on July 2. This body was recovered next day from the house of Sher Ali of the village.

Jobeda Khatun, mother of Mostafa lodged a case with Borguna Sadar thana in this connection. She told that four to five policemen and a chowkidar taken away Mostafa and killed him brutally.

Latterly, following the allegation that the case is being delayed and some policemen are involved with this murder, Police Super of Borguna himself went to the spot and after verification suspended temporarily SI Rafiqul Islam, Constables Shahajahan, Sahabuddin and Soharab. The chowkidar is still absconded.

Our Correspondent adds: Ten persons were injured two of them seriously and admitted into Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital following a bus accident occurred on Barisal-Banaripara road recently.

The ill-fated passenger bus (Bakerganj-B 1236) faced the accident as the bearing of a front wheel broke at about 10 am near Guthia onway to Barisal from Banaripara.

Injured eight persons were released after providing first aid and other two seriously injured persons Abdul Aziz (26) and Salek (35) were sent to the Barisal Medical College Hospital.

Sajeda for unity of pro-liberation forces

FARIDPUR, July 11: General Secretary of Awami League Begum Sajeda Chowdhury MP stressed the need for absolute unity of the pro-liberation forces to resist the evil designs of the enemies of the Liberation War who are out to foil hard earned Independence achieved through mass sacrifices, reports BSS.

The AL Secretary General was addressing a discussion meeting here this evening at the local Kabi Jasimuddin Hall in connection with the first death anniversary of late Shamsuddin Mollah, a prominent Awami League leader of the district.

Organised by Shamsuddin Mollah Smriti Committee, the discussion meeting was addressed among others by Abdur Razzak MP, Mosharraf Hossain MP, Advocate Gazfar Haq, Begum Jahanara Imam, Convener, Ghatak Dalil Nirmul Committee, Lt. Col (Retd) Abu Osman Chowdhury, Dilip Barua, Kazi Arif Ahmed and local Awami League leaders Imamuddin Ahmed, Bopul Ghose and Hasibul Hasan Lablu.

Begum Sajeda Chowdhury accused the ruling party of blocking the passage of the

Indemnity Ordinance (Repeal) Bill and warned that her party would be compelled to follow a different path to get the Bill passed.

Begum Chowdhury recalled the contributions of late Shamsuddin Mollah, a true follower of Bangabandhu who played an important role in the Liberation War and contributed to the framing of the Constitution of Bangladesh as a member of the committee entrusted to do so.

Abdur Razzak said although we are committed to stop the politics of killing, coup and conspiracy as per declaration of three alliances, but unfortunately, the ruling party has miserably failed. He alleged that the ruling party was patronising the evil forces who are pushing the hard earned democracy into uncertainty. He further alleged that because of the intransigent attitude of the ruling party democracy was yet to be institutionalised.

Convener of Ghatak Dalil Nirmul Committee Jahanara Imam firmly stated that their movement would continue till the verdict of the Gana Adalat against Golam Azam was executed.



GOPALGANJ: Syed Mohammad Nurul Islam, Deputy Commissioner of the district inaugurating tree plantation programme by planting a sapling of Mehagani at Sonakair embankment under Sadar thana recently. — Star photo

Post-mortem house poses serious hazard to health

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, July 11: Post-mortem house at Pulbandi under Gaibandha pourashava has been creating problems for a long.

No step has yet been taken by any quarters to shift the house despite repeated appeals.

The house was built in its present location when the area was a lonely one and covered with jungle. But with the increasing of population and expansion of pourashava so many residential quarters under private sector were built around the post-mortem

house. In turn, the location converted into dense residential area.

The dwellers of the area have been requesting for the removal of the house in some lonely place. But the authority is not taking any step regarding this.

In the year 1985, the then Deputy Commissioner, Gaibandha referred the matter to Health Ministry for shifting the post-mortem house considering public health as well as environment pollution. But no step was taken to shift the house.

Four to suffer life-term for murder

From BAU Correspondent

AGRI-VARSITY, July 11: Md. Abdus Salam, District and Sessions Judge, Mymensingh sentenced four persons to life-term and one person to eight years RI on the charge of killing Amsar Ali of village Sonakhali under Trishal recently and also fined Taka five thousand each in default to suffer two years RI more.

According to the prosecution story, on August 9, 1988, the victim Amsar Ali with his brother were on the way to return home from bazar. The accused persons killed him. A case was filed with the police. After investigation, police chargesheeted against them. The judge after examining the evidences, sentenced four persons to life-term. The accused persons are

Azizur Rahman, Kazol Mia, Mujibur Rahman, and Zainal Abedin.

Another report says: One Mainuddin Talukdar Khokon (50) was knocked down by Bahadurabad Ghat bound Teesta Express train at Medical Railway Ghat near Mymensingh Railway Station recently when he was walking on the railway track. As a result, he died on the spot.

Former UP chairman of Jahangirpur union parishad under Nandail Thana has allegedly misappropriated 108 maunds of government wheat allotted under Food for Works Programme in 1988-89 fiscal year.

Local Anti-corruption Department personnel have filed a case to Nandail police in this connection.

Notes from Barisal

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, July 11: Ten persons including a woman were killed in different incidents in Barisal district during the last month.

According to informations, of the total, three persons were killed in Sader thana, four in Banaripara, one in Bakerganj, one in Babaganj and one in Agailjhara.

Hemp recovered

The Narcotics Control Department, Barisal circle recovered 100 grams of hemp and 19 hemp plants from a house at Kaunia area recently.

Upal Kumar Dey, Inspector of the department receiving a secret information, raided the house and recovered hems and the hemp plants.

One Ambia Begum (30) was arrested in this connection and a case has been lodged with the Catwail Police Station in this connection.

Leadership training course concludes

The certificate distribution ceremony of 16th social leadership training course of Barisal Development Society (BDS) was held here at the BDS auditorium recently.

This function was presided over by the BDS Executive Committee President Nirmal Chandra Howlader while Abdul Khaleque, ADC, Bakerganj attended as chief guest and Khoudoker Ali Ashraf, Asstt. Editor of The Dainik Bangla as special guest.

Forty-six trainees from different NGOs of Bangladesh participated the 50-day-long leadership training course of BDS.

AKM Golam Faruk, David Saren and Miss Akhtar Jahan Mania were awarded prizes for their outstanding performance.

River Fire Service unit soon

The river unit of Barisal Fire Service and Civil Defence likely to be started during this month.

Meanwhile, necessary arrangements have already been completed for this purpose.

With a view to controlling the fire incidents along the riverside or in a marine vessel, this marine unit was a long felt demand of the people in greater Barisal district.

For the full-fledged river fire control unit, a modernised fire control unit will be provided including a heavy boat having all sorts of modern fire controlling systems.

Annual budget announced

Barisal pourashava has announced its yearly budget for the year 1992-93 with revenue Surplus of Taka 1,69,956.

Of the total revenue collection of Taka 11,07,35,753, 20 lakh Taka will be collected more from the holding tax, it is expected in the budget. More 8 lakh Taka also will be collected as trade tax.

A total of 2,36,770 Taka has been allocated for administrative expenditure while 25 lakh Taka for town development and 25 lakh Taka for health sector.

Sports assoc executives

NETRAKONA, July 11: The annual election of the district sports association was held at the local stadium auditorium on Friday, reports UNB.

Prof Abdul Khair Chandan was elected as secretary of the association while Muslim Uddin Chowdhury and Abdul Jabbar were elected vice-presidents and Rtn Masudul Aziz Titu and Kamrul Islam were also elected as the joint secretary of the association.

District Police Super Anwarul Islam and Ibrahim Khalil, Additional Deputy Commissioner of the district conducted the polls.

A total of 99 sports clubs participated in the election.

The body was handed over to the husband without post mortem, there was none to file a case with the police.

One beaten to death in Dinajpur

DINAJPUR, July 11: A man was beaten to death by the villagers for his alleged involvement in kidnapping a girl recently, reports UNB.

According to the witnesses, the victim Idris Ali of Nawpara in Nawabganj upazila of the district was made responsible for kidnapping a girl of village Shakopara of the same upazila. But when he denied the allegation the angry people beat him mercilessly causing his instantaneous death.

No case was lodged in this connection so far.



MADARIPUR: The road at the 'Sarnakar Patti' of the town is too narrow and it becomes muddy after slight rainfall. — Star photo