

**District roundup**

**KISHOREGANJ**  
**One fisherman shot dead, another wounded**

**From Our Correspondent**

July 13: One fisherman was shot dead and another sustained bullet injuries by miscreants in the Barajhali haor under Nikli thana recently.

The victim was identified as Nabi Hossain (25) of village Moharkona under the same thana of the district.

According to the reports, on the night of incident Nabi Hossain and his father Abul Hashim (60) went out of the house for fishing in the Barajhali haor by a boat.

On getting informations, a Police party rushed to the spot and recovered the body of Nabi Hossain and Abul Hashim in an unconscious state from the boat in Niklibazar launchghat near Nikli Police Station the next morning. Later, the body was sent to the Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital morgue for post-mortem.

A case was registered with Nikli Police Station and no arrest has been made in this connection and the motive of the incident is yet to be known, police said.

**AGRI-VARSITY**  
**BAUCSU election on August 9**

July 13: The election for 17 posts of Central Students' Union (BAUCSU) and 135 posts of 9 Hall Unions of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) will be held on August 9.

The voters will cast their votes at the specific polling booths in the respective halls on that day from 8 am to 12.30 noon without intermission, says a press release.

According to a notification issued by the election commissioner on July 7, the following schedule will be maintained in the above election: Submission of subscriptions for BAUCSU and hall unions on July 11, publication of draft lists of voters on July 21, publication of final lists of voters and distribution of nomination forms on July 28, submission of nomination forms on July 30, scrutiny of nomination forms and announcement on candidature on August 1, withdrawal of nomination forms by intending candidates on August 2 and publication of final lists of candidates on August 4.

**BARISAL**  
**One held with countrymade revolver**

**From Our Correspondent**

July 13: Madaripur police recently arrested one person and recovered one country-made revolver with 4 rounds of ammunitions from his possession.

Acting on a tip, police raided a house of Bajitpur village and arrested the person Jalil with the arm and ammunitions.

A case has been lodged with the Kotwali police in this connection.

Another report adds: Barisal Kotwali police recovered 115 bottles of 'fencidyle' from a van on the way to town area from Barisal Central bus terminal recently noon.

It is learnt that when the van was coming to town with 'fencidyles' some students of B M College suspiciously challenge the van driver and later handed over to the police.

**RANGPUR**  
**Two killed in separate incidents**

**From Our Correspondent**

July 13: Two persons were killed in separate incidents at Gobindaganj recently.

Of them, Afjar Ali (28) a day labourer was electrocuted while he was working in a house at Fulbari. Another victim Sratannesa (70) was crushed under the wheels of a truck at Rangpur-Bogra Highway. The killer truck escaped immediately from the spot.

Another report adds: Two darning dactories were committed at Hatibandha recently.

According to the allegation, the miscreants numbering about 10 to 15 equipped with deadly weapons raided the house of Nurul Haque, Acting principal of Hatibandha Degree College and at dagger point looted away cash, ornaments and valuable goods worth about Taka 42,000.00.

On the same night, the miscreants broke open the main gate of the Gramin Bank office and took away three bicycles and other goods worth Taka 9,000.

**GAIBANDHA**  
**386 examinees expelled**

**From Our Correspondent**

July 13: A Total of 298 HSC and 88 degree examinees was expelled from Sadullapur College Centre for adopting unfair means in the examination during this session.

A strong vigilance team was formed to conduct the examination smoothly. An inspection team of Rajshahi University paid occasional visits to Sadullapur College Centre.

This year, 1,668 degree and 2,354 HSC candidates so far appeared in the current examination. The vigilance team meanwhile arrested several persons for violating Section 144 on the college campus.

**SATKHIRA**  
**One sentenced to life-term for murder**

July 13: An old man was sentenced to life-term and his son two years rigorous imprisonment for murdering his daughter-in-law in Tala Thana, court sources said, reports UNB.

The accused Momin Gazi and his son Keramat Ali have also been fined Taka 10,000 and Taka 2,000 or in default to suffer imprisonment for another six months and one month respectively.

According to the prosecution, Momin Gazi beat his daughter in law Bilkis Khatun (18) to death with the help of his son Keramat on June 21, 1989 following a family feud.

District Additional Sessions Judge Sudhendu Kumar Biswas delivered the judgement in the crowded court.

**NETROKONA**  
**Virus fever spreading fast**

July 13: Virus fever is spreading fast in different parts of the district specially in the rural areas, reports UNB.

According to physicians, the symptoms of this virus fever are high temperature, spasmodic pain and headache.

The worst affected areas are sadar, Aparna, Madan, Kendua and Kamlakanda thanas.

There are no curative medicine for this fever, doctors said.

Woman and children common victims of this virus, they said.

**PATUAKHALI**  
**Bidi, cigarettes prices rise**

July 13: The prices of bidi and cigarettes have shot up abruptly by 30 per cent in the district in the recent days, reports UNB.

It is alleged that some dishonest businessmen have started hoarding cigarettes to create an artificial shortage in the market, which caused the price hike.

Cigarette smokers have taken to bidi which also fell short of demand resulting in the price-rise.

**HABIGANJ**  
**Attack on invigilator: examinee held**

July 13: Police arrested an HSC examinee on charge of attacking a college teacher here on Thursday last, reports UNB.

Police sources said the examinee Habibul Hasan was expelled on Wednesday by Assistant Prof Badiur Rahman of Brindaban College for adopting unfair means in the examination.

Witnesses said on the following day while the examinee trying to attack Prof Rahman with an iron rod in front of college principal's office was caught red handed.

Later he was handed over to local police.

A total of 12 examinees were expelled from the college centre on the day.

**MADARIPUR**  
**Tannery polluting environment**

July 13: Raw hides and skin are kept in the open to dry by traders and tannery owners polluting the environment, concerned town dwellers complained, reports UNB.

Local people said residential houses, open fields and roads are used to dry or process the animal skins causing great hazards to public health. They urged the authorities to take immediate steps against environmental degradation.



PABNA: A recent tornado damaged 200 kancha houses at the district town. Twenty people also received injuries. —Star photo

**Problems hamper implementation of Universal Pry Edn Programme**

**From Our Correspondent**

RAJBHARI, July 14: The Universal Primary Education Programme (UPEP) in all the thanas of the district has been facing manifold problems.

The dilapidated condition of most of the primary schools, shortage of teachers and furniture including benches, chairs and blackboards have been creating problems in the implementation of the programme which aims at eradication of illiteracy.

High prices of paper and other educational appliances, financial crisis of the guardians and some social problems have been depriving a considerable number of children from education.

The schools which were damaged by floods, cyclone and other natural calamities have not yet been repaired for shortage of fund. Some of the schools have no house for which the students are to attend classes under the open sky.

For inadequate sitting arrangement, the students of most of the schools are to sit on bricks, mats and other things which also hamper the situation greatly.

There is no tubewell in maximum number of schools. Most of the tubewells in the schools are lying out of order for which the students are to go near by houses. In some cases the students are compelled to take impure water.

Improper distribution of teachers also creates problems to the education of the students. It is reported that there are excess teachers in some schools where as there are no requisite number of teachers in other schools.

It can be mentioned here that there are 412 government and 76 non-government primary schools in the district which are inadequate to meet the demand of the increasing number of students.

According to Primary Education Department source, the students of 175 primary schools in the four thanas of the district have their requisite facilities to continue the studies.

It is informed that the posts of 613 primary teachers have been lying vacant in four thanas of the district for a long. The District Education office source informed that 54 posts of Headmaster and assistant teacher have been lying vacant in the district.

**Fish cultivation needs patronisation**

BORGUNA, July 14: Fish cultivation in the district has been facing a set back due to lack of proper maintenance, necessary inputs and siltation of ponds, reports UNB.

According to experts, the district could produce 20,000 maunds of fish annually but the production is gradually decreasing for lack of proper maintenance and patronisation.

The district has 200 different types of waterbodies. But most of them are lying uncultivated.

Due to continued siltation and random lifting of water for irrigation purpose, most of the waterbodies dry up before the advent of summer season.

Besides, many of the marshy lands have been turned into cultivable lands for IRR and boro crops. As a result, breeding of fish is decreasing alarmingly.

Moreover, a huge quantity of fish fry are washed away by flood waters every year. On the other hand, random catching of fish fry is also the main reason for decreasing fish cultivation.

Rampant fishing in the beels, rivers and haors is another reason of the decrease in fish cultivation.

Domination of outsiders has been creating problems for the genuine fishermen. After liberation, hundreds of fishermen societies have been formed in the district. But leadership of these societies went to some influential men outside the fishermen community.

It is alleged that though the Jalmahals were leased out to these societies for specific periods but they continue fishing even after expiry of the stipulated period.

Hence hundreds of genuine fishermen are being pushed out of their traditional profession.

Most of the primary schools in the district are plagued with various problems hampering primary education greatly.

According to informed sources, there are 1.35 lakh students in 389 government and 133 non-government schools in the district. But most of the schools lack educational appliances, accommodation and adequate number of teachers depriving the students of proper education.

The guardians alleged that most of the teachers hardly attend their classes in time. Most of the time many teachers even do not attend their duty as they are busy with other occupations. They allegedly come to schools once in a week only to sign their attendance register.

Besides, many schools affected by the cyclone and flash floods are yet to be repaired. It is alleged that repair and development works of some of the schools undertaken by the "cellites Department left half done for a long time due to unknown reasons.

Local leaders have urged the authorities to look into the matter and take necessary action so that such publicised universal primary education programme is not hampered further.

Local people have urged the concerned authority to take steps to make the Universal Primary Education Programme a success for the greater interest of the nation.

**Tornado hits Pabna : 25 hurt**

PABNA, July 14 : A severe tornado lashed the town Saturday night, leaving 25 people injured and nearly 20 kutchha houses battered, reports UNB.

Nine of the injured were sent to hospital after the nature's fury at around 11 pm, witnesses and officials said.

The violent storm that lasted less than one minute swept over Shibrapur, Shalgaria, Ghoshpur and Sardirapur in the town.

The Deputy Commissioner and the ADM visited the affected areas.

**World Population Day observed**

JHENIDAH, July 14 : The World Population Day 92 was observed here in a befitting manner on Saturday, reports UNB.

About 500 workers, employees and students of different organizations including Family Planning Department, local educational institutions and government offices brought out a procession on the day.

The processionists paraded the main thoroughfares of the town carrying colourful placards, festoons and banners to motivate the people with the family planning concept.

Presided over by ADC (General) Mizanur Rahman, a discussion meeting was held at the Public Hall after the procession.

The speakers stressing the need for planned parenthood said the development works will be meaningless if the population boom is not checked effectively. Balanced economic development is not possible unless birth rate is minimised to a desired level, they added.

**10-day programme on Ashura concludes**

MANIKGANJ, July 14 : A ten-day programme chalked out at Garpara Imambari Darbar Sharif, four kms from here, ended on Sunday, reports BSS.

The programme included marshia, milad mahfil and discussion on the lives and sacrifices of the Imama Hossain (R).

A four-km long tajia procession of tens of thousands of devotees was brought out in observance of Ashura. On this day in 61 hijri Hazrat Imam Hossain (R) embraced martyrdom in Karbala for the sake of justice.

The processionists carrying black and red flags chanted 'Hai Hossain' 'Hai Hossain'.

The devotees wore black attires and displayed traditional weapons like sticks, swords and spears used in the battle in olden days.

The procession was led by Shah Aminur Rahman and Shah Mukhlesur Rahman, peers of Imambari.

A ten-day long mela was held at Imambari on the occasion. Stalls of handicrafts and sweetsmeats were erected.

**Agri-Varsity demanded**

NAOGAON, July 14 : People of the northern region reiterated their demand for an agricultural University in the region of Rajshahi and Khulna divisions, reports UNB.

The University could be set up filling the dignities and using the hundreds of lands treated as enemy property and residence of Zamindars at Dubalhati, local people suggested.

The country's lone Agricultural University is situated at Mymensingh.

**Sadar hospital beset with problems**

SHERPUR, July 14 : Sadar hospital of the district is beset with manifold problems due to inadequate doctors, nurses and other staff members for a long time, reports UNB.

The 20 storied hospital with only 50 beds cannot accommodate the increasing number of patients.

There are no ENT specialist, radiologist, pathologist, anaesthetist or orthopaedist in the hospital causing untold suffering to the concerned patients.

It is also learnt that the annual allocation of medicines for the hospital is too meagre to meet the increasing needs of the patients.

It is alleged that the emergency patients are to buy the medicines from the black market at exorbitant prices. The patients also alleged that most of the doctors of the hospital are busy with their private practice and they are hardly available at the hospital.

Local leaders have urged the authorities to take immediate steps to improve the condition of the hospital.

**Erosion of Kirtonkhola renders 1000 homeless**

**From Our Correspondent**

BARISAL, July 14: The erosion of Kirtonkhola river of Barisal is still continuing and meanwhile engulfed a vast tract of land in the river rendering thousands of people homeless.

Besides, due to absence of proper maintenance, development-programmes and overall negligence of the concerned authority the Barisal port area itself is being threatened by erosion.

Further, as a big char area raised almost amid the river Kirtonkhola, the mainstream of the river is being changed day by day.

Meanwhile, a vast tract of riverside areas of 'Charkaua' has already been eroded rendering hundreds of people homeless. These homeless people are coming to Barisal town area, making slums in different places and creating much more problems including unsocial activities. They need immediate rehabilitation.

As the erosion is continuing lands being eroded from both sides of the river. Due to continuous erosion, a large portion of modern fish market, wholesale market and IWTA Marine Workshop have already been engulfed by the river.

Besides, BIWTA is spending lakhs of taka for dredging purpose along the Barisal Port area for easy navigability of hundreds of marine transports.

In these circumstances, the concerned authority should take up necessary steps immediately with a masterplan by the experts to control the situation and save the age-old heritage of Barisal port area.

The modern fish procurement and wholesale marketing centre of Barisal is yet to be started.

With a view to procuring fish a wholesale marketing centre was established by the Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation at the Kirtonkhola riverside with an expenditure of more than Taka three crore in 1986.

According to official sources, the projects included the repair and extension of union family welfare centres maternity and child welfare centres.

Fifty-two workers and leaders of Awami League and Jatiya Jubo Dal recently.

Led by A Latif Bepari, Kalu Sen and Hemayet Hossain, the group expressed their solidarity with the ideals of Juba Dal — youth wing of BNP — and vowed to work unitedly to make Bangladesh a happy and prosperous country.



Administrator, Mymensingh Pourashava and the ADC, Abu Taher are planting a sapling on the bank of Brahmaputra near local circuit house recently.

**Hundreds of tubewells inoperative, irrigation hampered**

**From Our Correspondent**

CHUADANGA, July 14: Irrigation in the district is being hampered to a great extent due to disorder of hundreds of deep, shallow tubewells and power pumps for want of spares.

It is learnt that hundreds of irrigation machines remained inoperative due to price hike of diesel and frequent change of ownership, corruption and mismanagement. The irrigation has been hampered due to imposition of additional surcharges. There are 501 deep tubewells, 1300 shallow tubewells and 208 power pumps to bring about 35,000 acres of land under this irrigation programme and another 15,000 acres of land will also be brought under cultivation under the irrigation programme in the district.

Irrigation has become indispensable to bring 2,17,456 hectares of land under cultivation to yield crops all the year round.

It may be mentioned here that in the past deep and shallow deep tubewells were allotted on loan basis, but now the BADC authority has changed the policy due to non-realisation of a huge amount of arrear rent.

Another report adds: A total of 446 metric tons of wheat have been distributed among 1390 destitute families of four thanas of Chuadanga district during the last financial year.

According to an official source, the wheat have been distributed under the rehabilitation programme for the destitute families.

Of the total wheat, 79 metric tons have been distributed among the 249 destitute families of Chuadanga Sadar thana, 117 metric tons among 415 destitute families of Alamdanga thana, 137 metric tons among 345 destitute families in Damurhuda thana, 57 metric tons among 90 families in Chuadanga pourashava area and another 28 metric tons among 90 destitute families in Alamdanga pourashava area.

Besides, 21 schemes have been implemented in Chuadanga pourashava area at a cost of Taka 9,19,600 during the last financial year.

**Programme on tree plantation gains momentum**

**From Our Correspondent**

KURIGRAM, July 14: Under the Tree Plantation Programme, a huge number of saplings have been planted in the campus of Kurigram Govt College in co-operation with RDRS, a non-government organisation recently.

Members of Kurigram Govt College BNCC headed by Abu Sayeed, Commander of BNCC, Kurigram Govt College, govt officials including DC, SP, and RDRS, Kurigram planted saplings on the campus. In this connection, a discussion meeting was also held which was participated among others by Shahadat Hossain, Convener of Tree Plantation Committee, Kurigram govt college, Associate Professor Mostafa-Bis-Hossain Khondoker, Birash Poul, Project Administrator, RDRS, Kurigram, chief guest Shafiqul Islam, DC and special guest Abdul Hakim Khan, SP, Kurigram.

Massive programme of tree plantation have been taken up in different areas of Sirajganj district.