

District roundup

MYMENSINGH

One killed, 15 others hurt in road mishap

From Our Correspondent
July 26: One person was killed and 15 others were injured when a passenger bus (Chattagram-Jha-387) and a truck (Dhak-Na-6073) collided head-on at Churkhay Bazar on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway recently.
The body was sent to the morgue of the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital for autopsy. The victim was identified as Abdur Rashid (13). The injured persons were given first aid.
A case has been filed with the Kotwali police in this regard.

Another report adds: Gafargaon police arrested two dacoits named as Dto (25) and Lahu (20) with pipegun from village Dariatpara under Barbaria union of the Gafargaon thana recently.

AGRI-VARSITY

Asstt Registrar of BAU dead

July 26: Md Ismail, Assistant Registrar of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) died of massive heart attack at his residence of WAPDA colony adjacent to the university campus at 11 pm on July 20. He was 50, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, four sons, five daughters and a host of relations and friends to mourn his death. His Namaz-e-Janaza was held at the premises of BAU Administration Building at 10 am on July 21 and later on, his body was sent to the village home at Gopalpur under Noakhali district for burial.
Ismail joined BAU in 1969 as Internal Auditor and subsequently he was promoted to the post of Section Officer in 1992 and that of Assistant Registrar in 1990.

GAZIPUR

Four terrorists nabbed with gang leader

July 26: Kalganj police recently arrested four terrorists of the area including their gang leader Abdul Karim Morol, reports UNB.

The other members of the gang who have been arrested are - Pagla Rami, Helaluddin and Latif.
Police said they were wanted in connection with 10 different cases including killing, arson, loot and women repression.

Local people earlier appealed to the Home Minister to issue special order to the district police to bring the terrorists to book and ensure their safety and security.

MEHERPUR

World Population Day observed

July 26: The World Population Day was observed in the district in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

A seminar was held in this connection at Meherpur Sadar thana auditorium. Deputy Commissioner M Moutazur Rahman and Civil Surgeon Dr Rafiqul Akhtar were chief guests and special guest respectively at the seminar.

The seminar was presided over by Deputy Director, Family Planning, Dr M Mazharul Islam.
Prized were distributed among the best field staff of the family planning department.

SHERPUR

Minor girl, man crushed to death

From Our Correspondent
July 26: A minor girl was crushed under the wheels of a speeding bus on Jhenagathi-Sherpur Highway recently.

According to the reports, the victim Bala Begum (4), daughter of a poorman while crossing the road, a speeding bus bearing No Mymensingh Ba-63 hit and crushed her under the wheels near Khor-erpar.

A case in this connection had already been registered with Sherpur Police Station.

In another incident, one Ramzan Ali member of village Raznagar under Nalitabari crushed under wheels of a speeding truck on Nalitabari-Sherpur Highway recently.

It is gathered that the accident took place near Teetultala Bazar while the victim was coming back from bazar.

A case had already been lodged with Jhenagathi thana in this regard.

SATKHIRA

Kidnapped girl rescued

July 26: Police rescued a girl on Friday kidnapped by the miscreants 10 days ago from Khulna town, reports UNB.

Police said, gang of miscreants led by one Bablu abducted Nasima Parvin Hasna (14), student of class eight of Nabarun Girls High School from her residence in the town and took her to Khulna town on July 8.

Police recovered Nasima after a hectic search from Khulna town and send her to Satkhira Magistrate Court. Later she was handed over to her father by the magistrate.

A case has been filed with the local police.

PATUAKHALI

Cattle diseases spreading fast

July 26: Cattle diseases have broken out in an epidemic form in Mirzaganj thana in the district affecting farming, reports UNB.

When attacked cattle get ulceration in their hoops and the mouth.

According to thana livestock office, at least 3500 cattle have already been affected by the diseases and are spreading fast but it is unable to take preventive measures for lack of sufficient stock of medicines.

FARIDPUR

Press club executives

From Our Correspondent
July 26: The annual general meeting and election of the executive committee of Faridpur Press Club was held here at club auditorium recently.

The meeting was presided over by Md Abdul Ali Sikdar, Convenor of the club while it was conducted by Imamul Azam Abdur Rouf.

The new office-bearers are: Md Liaquat Hossain (BTV/Dainik Bangla) President, Jogodish Chandra Ghose (Bangladesh Observer) and Md Asraf Azam - Vice-President, Md Abdul Ali Sikdar (Bangladesh Times) - General Secretary, Md Salauddin Bablu (Dainik Inquilab) - Joint Secretary and Md Ali Asraf (Dainik Sangram) - Treasurer.

SIRAJGANJ

BNP unit council held

From Our Correspondent
July 26: The council session of Belkuchi thana unit of BNP in Sirajganj district was held here at Al-haj Siddique High School premises recently.

Convenor of the preparatory committee Al-haj Jamaluddin Bhuiyan presided over the two sessions of the council.

In the first session, among others, district BNP President Mirza Muraduzzaman MP, Secretaryullah Khan MP, district Secretary Humayan Islam Khan, Mokaddes Ali, Saiful Islam Shishir, thana level leaders Matur Rahman and Golem Mostafa addressed the meeting.

JAMALPUR

Massive tree plantation plan

JAMALPUR, July 26: A massive programme was undertaken for plantation of trees in the district under the auspices of district administration, Agriculture Extension Department and educational institutions, Reports BSS.

In this respect one hundred mehaguni saplings were planted in collectorate premises by district officials. Besides administration of seven thanas of the district also planted mehaguni, teak and various fruit bearing tree saplings in their office premises. District Agriculture Extension Department would plant one hundred various tree saplings through 141 block supervisions.
Each thana agriculture extension officer planted 50 tree saplings in respective office premises.

KUSHITIA

Contraband goods recovered

July 26: The law enforcing agency personnel recovered contraband goods worth Taka 54,70,785 between July 1 and July 20 from different places of Kushtia district.

According to an official source, the goods include sarees, cows, buffaloes, blouses, bicycles and a huge quantity of salt and pulses.



BOGRA: The two and half feet high Bombay Langra type of tree produces about 70 mangoes. This type has been developed by a local NGO which spreads five to six feet branches. — Star photo

Erosion renders thousands homeless in Kurigram, Bogra

KURIGRAM, July 26: Thousands of people have been rendered homeless in Sadar and Ulipur thanas on account of continued erosion by the rivers Brahmaputra and Teesta in the last week, reports UNB.

According to informed sources, crops on 5,000 acres of land, 1,500 dwelling houses, four mosques and five educational institutions went into the rivers during the period.

The worst affected areas are Khulka Char, Argal Bhodanga Char, Parbatipur and Kalir Alsha villages of Sadar thana and Shahabgonj and Begumgonj villages of Ulipur thana.

The rivers are in spate for the last few days and erosion has taken a serious turn causing panic among the people. These erosion victims people

took shelter on flood control embankment.

Meanwhile, no relief materials have yet been distributed among the victims.

The affected people urged the authorities to provide them with relief materials and sanction grants for their early rehabilitation.

A report from Bogra says: About 300 families of Gaibandha, Bogra and Sirajganj districts have become homeless on account of continuous erosion by the river Brahmaputra over the last two days.
According to informed sources, cracks have developed at 10 points on the Brahmaputra Flood Control Embankment from Kurigram to Bherakhola of Pabna.
The existence of the dam is

threatened by the unabated erosion of the surging river, the main stream of which flows only 150 feet away from the dam.

According to Water Development Board, the erosion of the embankment started at Fulchari, Kamarjani of Gaibandha, Aulakandi and Mathurapara in Sariakandi of Bogra and Khudbandhi, Kazipur of Sadar thana of Sirajganj districts.

While taking to UNB, the Superintendent Engineer of WDB confirmed the erosion of the dam at 10 points.

Meanwhile, construction of a ring dam has already started at Aulakandi on emergency basis to check the flood.

Notes from Sylhet

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, July 26: Two persons were sentenced to suffer two years rigorous imprisonment on charge of smuggling of two bags of sugar and fined them Taka 1,000 each in default to suffer rigorous imprisonment for three months more.

The prosecution case in brief is that the police of Beanibazar police station caught the two accused persons namely, Jamir Uddin and Anwar Hossain along with two bags of smuggled sugar on April 24, 1990.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge, and Anti-Smuggling Tribunal Court, Sylhet after hearing gave the said punishment.

Both the accused persons had been absconding.

Burglary committed

A daring Burglary was committed in the house of one late Ramesh Chandra Das of Gopaltala area of Sylhet town recently.

The miscreants took away Taka five thousand in cash, gold ornament of seven tolas and other valuables from the house. The value of the booty would be around Taka one lakh fifty thousand.

The miscreants entered into the house at about 2-45 am at night.

A case in this connection had been registered.

Valuables worth Tk one lakh looted

Valuables worth over Taka one lakh were looted from a house of village Amanatpur under Mogalgaon union of Sylhet Sadar thana recently.

According to the reports, on the day of incident, a gang of dacoits with deadly weapons attacked the house of one Abdul Hakim and entered into it by breaking open the doors and windows. The dacoits beat the brother of the housemaster and looted away gold ornament Taka 20,000 in cash and other valuables from the house.

A case in this connection had been registered with the Kotwali Police Station. Further investigations had been going on, said a police official. But no arrest has yet been reported.

2 killed, 25 hurt in road accidents

Two persons were killed and at least 25 others sustained injuries in two separate road accidents in Sylhet recently.

According to the reports, one Shafi Miah of village Kalaira under Beanibazar thana was crushed under the wheel of a speeding truck at Darshan Deuri area of Sylhet town. The victim, a helper of the truck was also the brother of the driver of the truck. The body was recovered by the police and they sent the body to the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital for post-mortem.

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

The other accident on the same day took place at Beanibazar thana.

A passengers minibus was on its way to Eidgah bazar having started from Beanibazar thana headquarters.

The accident took place when the driver of the vehicle lost his control over it and the vehicle skidded off the road and fell into a roadside ditch. One Enamuddin (25) died on the spot while twentyfive others also sustained injuries.

A UD case had been lodged with the police.

Newsman rally protests attack on office

JAMALPUR, July 26: The journalists of the district held a rally and brought out a silent procession in the town Saturday protesting attack on a local newspaper office, reports UNB.

It is alleged that a group of Jubadal and JCD activists stormed the office of the Weekly Jamalpur on July 20 injuring four journalists. They also allegedly attacked the residence of local MP Mirza Azam on the same day.

The meeting chaired by Mosharaf Hossain, President of the district unit of Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity condemned the attack on the journalists. They also demanded judicial enquiry into the incident.

Later, they handed over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

BSS reports: A three-day-long training programme on union parishad office maintenance was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner here recently.

A total of 60 rpt 60 union parishad chairmen took part in the training course.
The Acting Deputy Commissioner A K M Wahedul Islam inaugurated the course and

distributed certificates among the participants.

Four dacoits with 17 cocktails were arrested from village Bakarkanda under Sherpur Sadar thana recently.

On secret information, Village Defence Party Commander and his members raided the village, arrested them and recovered 17 cocktails and some weapons from their possession. They were handed over to police later on.

A case was registered in this connection.

Young housewife beaten to death

MANIKGANJ, July 26: A young housewife of Kapsail village in Daulatpur thana was allegedly beaten to death by her husband recently, reports UNB.

Family sources said Sharvala (21) wife of Aslamuddin (27) was unhappy since her marriage a year back. Aslam used to torture her casting aspersions on her character.

On the fateful day Aslam picked up a quarrel with her on a trifling matter and started beating her mercilessly.

Armed toll collectors hurt 2 traders, loot Tk 40,000

DAUDKANDI (Comilla), July 26: Two businessmen who refused to pay tolls were seriously injured when attacked by a gang of 20 miscreants, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the armed men attacked Khalilur Rahman (40) and Feroz Ahmed (35) on July 21 in broad daylight with axes and hockey sticks and took away Taka 40,000 in cash from them.

They fired several rounds of shots and exploded several crackers before fleeing from the scene.

Khalil was sent to Pangu Hospital in Dhaka where the condition was stated to be critical. Feroz was admitted to Comilla Sadar Hospital.

A case was filed with Daudkandi police.

According to reports, the local people are in panic as

these hoodlums have frequently been forcing them to pay tolls and have even been threatening the journalists who dare report their activities.

Local people urged the government to immediately intervene and ensure peace in the area.

Tree plantation plan

Comilla Pourashava will plant 3,000 saplings in the town during the current rainy season.

Addressing a discussion meeting on 'Role of pourashava and city dwellers in tree planting campaign' organised by the pourashava, ADC, Farid Ahmad said, the programme had been taken up under the current nationwide environmental protection drive launched by the government.

Need for more vegetables cultivation stressed

MAGURA, July 26: A farmers rally was held at Salikha thana under the auspices of district Agriculture Extension Department on July 20, reports UNB.

About 200 ideal farmers from different parts of the district attended the rally.

Presided over by Abul Hossain Mollah, Deputy Director of the District Agriculture office it was also addressed by Regional Director of Jessore Regional Agriculture office as the chief guest.

The speakers stressed the need for more vegetables cultivation to meet the vitamin deficiency. In order increase production the farmers were

asked to apply modern methods cultivation.

After the rally 'Kakrol' exhibition was held to motivate the farmers for promoting its cultivation in the district in large scale.

The total number of voters in two pourashavas of the district stands at 18,826.

According to the draft voter list published by the district election office, the number of voters in Barguna Pourashava is 12,635 and that of Patharghata is 6,191.

In Barguna, 4,354 voters were enlisted in Ward 1 while 3,309 were enlisted in Ward 2 and 4,972 in Ward 3.

Dacoits swoop on boat, valuables looted

SIRAJGANJ, July 26: A gang of dacoits swooped on a passenger boat on river Jamuna near Chundunchar and looted belongings, valuables and cash worth about Taka one lakh on July 21, reports UNB.

The robbers also injured at least 7 passengers during the raid, eyewitnesses said. The boat was carrying 20 passengers.

Local people alleged that several dacoities were committed during the last 10 days in Chargirish, Haturia and Chadanbaisa points and goods worth about Taka 7 lakh were looted.

Two female smugglers caught by people

BOGRA, July 26: Two female smugglers were caught by the local people with contraband goods and later handed over to police recently, reports UNB.

The accused Nazma Begum of Basudevpur and Jahanara Begum of Hakimpur in Dinajpur district were caught by villagers of Bagopara in Sadar thana of Bogra district.

They were carrying 13 pieces of Indian saris.

Police later picked up the accused along with the materials.

Both women alleged that police after taking bribe have released another accused

Four killed in mishaps

TANGAIL, July 26: Two persons, a bus driver and a rickshawpuller, were killed on Thursday in two separate accidents, reports BSS.

Maznu Miah (26), bus driver of village Sholakura was killed in an accident near Pungli Bridge on Mymensingh-Dhaka Highway. The accident occurred when his Dhaka bound passenger bus from Bhuapur hit the bridge. He received serious injury and died on the spot.

In another incident rickshawpuller Alam, father of two minor children was electrocuted near Tangail Stadium. He was collecting dead branches of a tree. Suddenly he touched a live electric wire and was killed on the spot.

Crops on vast tract of land under pest attack

PATUAKHALI, July 26: Crops on vast acres of land have been damaged by invasion of pests in Mirzaganj thana of the district.

According to official sources, Aus crops on 15000 acres of land have been affected by the mazra and pamri insects.

Local Agriculture Extension Department advised the farmers to spray insecticides to check the menace, but the farmers alleged that the pesticides available in the market are of poor quality and ineffective.



KUSHTIA: Hafiz Ahmed, DC planting a sapling in BSCIC estate in observance of the three plantation week recently. — Star photo

Bhawal National Park to be made attractive

GAZIPUR, July 26: Minister for Forest and Environment Abdullah Al-Noman said here on Friday that massive programmes would be taken up to make the Bhawal National Park more attractive and exquisite, reports BSS.

The Minister said this while addressing a meeting of the officials of the district administration and the Forest Department at the Bhawal National Park.

State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof. Abdul Mannan, Amanullah Chowdhury MP, Abdul Ganfi MP, Selima Rahman MP, and Deputy Commissioner of Gazipur, Jasinuddin Ahmed Chowdhury were present at the meeting.

Noman said Taka six crore was allocated in the Fourth Five-year Plan for the development of the national park.

Stressing the planned efforts to develop the park the

Minister said that the stay of the tourists and visitors there should be made more comfortable.

Noman also directed the concerned officials to complete the works of expanding rest house, constructing roads and on-going planting projects within the stipulated time.

Another report from Chittagong adds: Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC), Karnafully Battalion Number, One of the Chittagong University on Friday began its annual tree plantation programme at the University campus.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury formally inaugurated the programme by planting a sapling of acacia marjium.

Leaders of BNCC, teachers, officers and other employees of the University were present on the occasion.