

District roundup

BOGRA

Tree Plantation Week observed

From Our Correspondent
Aug 2: Tree Plantation Week '92 is being observed here in a befitting manner as else where in the country recently.

Different government, semi-government and voluntary organisation have chalked out elaborate programme to make the week successful. Programme have been taken by district administration to motivate the people in planting saplings in fallow land.

District administration organised inaugural function of the week at local municipal park. Deputy Commissioner Sazzad Hossain attended the function as chief guest. After inaugural function DC planted a sapling at thana complex.

Deputy Commissioner said in inaugural function, tree plays a vital role to curb the intensity of natural disaster. The called upon all especially women folk for active participation in tree plantation programme.

In the function, civil surgeon S K Haider Ali said, it is our sacred duty to keep the environment free from pollution for great interest of the future generation.

GOPALGANJ

Two persons commit suicide

From Our Correspondent
Aug 2: Two persons were committed suicide her recently.

It is learnt that one Moktar Hossain (45) of village Char Baria under Gopalganj Sadar thana committed suicide by hanging himself. He was suffering from pain in belly for a long time.

A UD case has been filed with Gopalganj police station in this connection.

In another incident, one Kishori Smiti Rani (14) of village Andarkota under Gopalganj Sadar thana committed suicide by hanging herself over family problem.

BARISAL

Law, order situation deteriorates

Aug 2: Law and order situation in the district deteriorated during the month with crimes and clashes reportedly on the increase, reports UNB.

As many as five persons were killed and two received bullet injuries during the month, official sources said.

Besides, one launch dacoity, five dacoities in dwelling houses and 12 clashes took place during the period.

According to law enforcing agencies, almost all armed clashes occurred following previous enmity, political rivalry, toll collections and dispute over lands.

SATKHIRA

Drama in real life!

Aug 2: Drama in real life! Golam Rahman of village Amian in Kaliganj thana, declared dead by the Religious Affairs Ministry, returned home after performing Hajj, reports UNB.

The Ministry early this month issued a letter to the family of Golam Rahman expressing sympathy for the death of Rahman who, they stated, died at Mecca Al Mokrarna in June last.

But the "grieved" family members were struck with wonder when after a week Hajj Golam Rahman arrived home in all safety.

The letter was dated July 16 and signed by Md Atiqullah, an officer of the Ministry.

BRAHMANBARIA

6.50 kg of ganja recovered

Aug 2: District Narcotics Department recovered 6.50 kg of ganja and 110 ganja plants from Furba village at Nasirnagar thana this week and arrested one person in this connection, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, a unit of the department raided the village and arrested Md Faruk for possessing banned drugs and cultivating its plants.

In other raid the department recovered 270 kg of homemade wine and 22 litres of other kinds, including instruments for making liquor from railway sweeper colony.

Three sweepers Bablu, Sakhar and Naspati were also detained in this connection.

Another person Tajul Islam of Kaliccha village in Sarati thana was picked up with 5 litres of wine.

RAJBARI

Minor girl violated

From Our Correspondent
Aug 2: One Morjina Begum (11), daughter of Korban Ali of village Bagmara of Sadar upazila was allegedly raped by one Dobir Ali of the same village recently.

It is gathered that the victim Morjina went to nearby paddy field to cut grass for their goats while the accused Dobir Ali took her in a hut of shallow machine and raped her indiscriminately.

At her cries, local people came and rescued her with serious bleeding.

Later, the victim was sent to the Rajbari Sadar Hospital. The accused Dobir Ali is absconding. A case has been lodged with Rajbari police station in this connection.

AGRI-VARSITY

Samapani Utsab concludes

The two-day long "Samapani Utsab '92" arranged to celebrate the completion of academic life of the Bachelor Degree holders of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) for the session 1987-88, was concluded on July 28 with enthusiasm, says a press release.

In his speech as the chief guest in the inaugural function of the festivals, the Vice-Chancellor of BAU Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan urged upon the graduates to accelerate the process of agricultural development of the country by proper application of the knowledge and skill gained through BAU.

Held at the premises of BAU Library building, the function was presided over by Prof M. Monsurul Amin, Students' Affairs Advisor and it was addressed among others by the Convener, Council of Deans and Dean of the Faculty of Fisheries Prof Somen Dewan, the Students' Welfare Officer Mr Sarwar Ahmed, the Convener of festival committee M. Altaf Hossain and the member-secretary of festival committee Monjurul Alam.

The first day programme of the festival included bringing out of a colourful rally, voluntary blood donation and cultural presentations, while the second day programme included participation in tree plantation and a friendly football match between men and women. An attractive convener under the title "Nongar" (anchor) was also published on the occasion.

MANIKGANJ

Erosion leaves 360 families homeless

Aug 2: At least 360 families of 10 villages of Harirampur thana of the district were rendered homeless on account of continued erosion by the river Padma and Jamuna during the last three days, reports UNB.

Janab Ali (13) of village Brahmankanda of Harirampur thana was washed away when the river Padma suddenly eroded its bank on early Monday, family sources said.

Meanwhile, Water Development Board sources said 24 villages of Daulatpur, Harirampur and Shibalaya thanas were totally devoured by Padma and Jamuna rendering 30,000 families homeless during the last one month.

Twelve educational institutions were also washed away during the period and 10 others were threatened by the surging rivers, sources said.

About 5,000 erosion hit families have taken shelter on the flood control embankment and are passing their days in great hardship.

Local MP Harun-or-Rashid Khan visited the affected areas and distributed Taka 50,000, 10 cartons of biscuit and 600 pieces of clothes among the victims.

FENI

Pally Biddyt Samity earns Tk 3.38 crore

Aug 2: Feni Pally Biddyt Samity (PBS) earned Taka 3.38 crore as realisation of electric bills during the last fiscal year (1991-92), reports UNB.

During the period at least 87 kilometre electric lines were set up and connections given to 4322 customers.

About 14392.8 megawatt electricity was consumed during the period, PBS sources said.

Meanwhile, the system loss was decreased to 17 per cent from last year loss of 19.35 per cent.



GAIBANDHA: Brahmaputra Flood Control Embankment is being hit by the erosion of river Brahmaputra at Raidusbari under Gaibandha Sadar thana recently. — Star photo

Smugglers active along Sylhet border

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Aug 2: Smugglers have intensified their heinous activities along border of the district.

The poor day labourers, widows, unemployed young men, boys and girls of the border areas have been working as carriers of smuggled goods of the smugglers who invest a huge amount as capital.

According to sources, a transaction of contraband goods are being carried out freely and openly through new technique. The smugglers transport the smuggled items through trucks, buses and mini-buses on road while 'country and engine-boats in the river routes. They also use the local trains as a safe means of transport in carrying the smuggled goods, it is observed.

All the border areas of the greater Sylhet, almost all the hats and bazars in Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Sunamganj and Sylhet districts are found flooded with the smuggled goods including the different food items. The markets and commercial places situated close to the border areas have become the paradise of the smugglers, it is alleged.

The incoming smuggled goods from Indian include sugar, paddy, rice, salt, cycle, spare parts, motor chassis, medicines, sarees, matches, cattle, fruits and vegetables.

The outgoing smuggled goods are VCP, polyester cloth,

hes, hilsa fish, gold, silver, bronze, copper and two in ones etc.

In Sylhet district, the important markets and commercial places where the smuggled goods are easily available and seen being sold openly are, Jakiganj, Kaliganj bazar, Beanbazar, Charkhat, Chandgram, Sutarkandi, Tamabil, Golapganj, Dhakadakhin, Balanganj, Tajpur, Gosalabazar, Lalabazar, Shahgali bazar, Jafflung, Kanaighat, Jaintapur, Mokalabazar, Moglabazar, Kamalabazar Tuberbari, Gowainghat, Companyganj, Bishwanath and Fenchuganj.

In Moulvibazar district, where these goods are being sold openly are, Barlekha, Shahbajpur, Kulaaram, Komolganj, Srimangal, Bhanugachh, Brahmanbazar, Govindapati, Shamsheernagar, Langla Sherpur, Kamalpur, Jur, Dakshinbagh, Baroigram, Rajnagar and Bhatrabganj bazar.

In the district of Habiganj, Chunarghat, Madhabpur, Shaistaganj, Ballah, Lakhal, Nabiganj, Aushkandi, Ajmiriganj, Kakalcheo, Bahubal and Banichang have now turned into the important points for the smugglers. It is further reported that, in Sunamganj district, Chhataak, Govindaganj, Tahirpur, Jagannathpur, Deral, Pajlabazar, Shulla, Jamalganj, Dharmapasha, Madhyanganar, Doarabazar, Biswambharpur are

the main communicating points of the smugglers. All these places and markets have become the paradise of the smuggling.

It is complained that the role of the law enforcing agencies is responsible for the large-scale smuggling along the border and its sale to the different markets of the district.

It is learnt that the smuggling will further increase if appropriate measures are not taken by the concerned authority.

UNB from Dinajpur says: Rampant selling of Indian Phenidyl syrups is going on in different parts of the town causing concern among the dwellers.

The contraband item is being sold in almost all grocery and bidi shops and restaurants including medicine shops at Station Road, Balubari, Bancharampur, Khalpara, Gopalbagh, Kallitala and New Market areas of the town.

The syrup is being sold by the code name among the addicts as "Dail". The youths are the main customers of the spurious drug.

Local people alleged that the sale of the contraband item is being carried out before the law enforcing agencies.

The local leaders urged the district administration to take immediate steps to save the youths from further ruination.

Notes from Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Aug 2: A discussion meeting was held at Sarajganj high school under Chuadanga Sadar thana recently in observance of tree plantation week.

The discussion meeting was presided over by Roissudding, The Deputy Commissioner of Chuadanga Tajul Hoque was present on the occasion as the chief guest.

In his speech the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for planting trees in huge quantities with a view to maintaining the ecological balance in the country.

The forest-departmental officials of Kushtia also spoke on the occasion.

On the occasion saplings of 16 Mehogini and 4 Nageshori were also planted at the premises of Sarajganj High School.

One commits suicide

One Budo (25) of village Satgari under Chuadanga Sadar thana committed suicide by taking poison recently.

It is learnt that the victim was taken immediately to Chuadanga Sadar Hospital for treatment where he died after one day.

The cause of his committing suicide could not be known. But it is learnt that there was a fuss in the victims family following which he committed suicide.

His body was sent to Meherpur morgue for post-mortem since there is no morgue here at Chuadanga.

Absconded accused held

The Sub-inspector of police Ayub Hossain of Chuadanga Sadar thana in a campaign arrested one Idris Ali of Village Daulatpur under Chuadanga Sadar thana recently.

Idris Ali was absconding for a long time. He was wanted in connection with a smuggling case pending before the Sadar criminal court bearing No SGR-9/91.

He was arrested from his business center at Chuadanga Harabazar. The police also arrested another person named Korban Ali who was also absconding for a long time.

Gun recovered

Acting on secret information a police vigilance team headed by the SP of Chuadanga recovered a gun from the residence of one Sarjet Hossain Dagu of village Buropara under Alamdanga thana of Chuadanga district recently.

A case has been started in this connection with Alamdanga thana police. Investigation is going on. None is arrested so far.

Daring dacoity

A daring dacoity was committed at the cloth shop of one Badaruddin Ahamed and his brother Kamal at Ramdia bazar of Alamdanga thana under Chuadanga district recently.

It is learnt that a gang of dacoits numbering 30/40 armed with deadly weapons broke open the cloth shop of the victims of the bazar and took away different kinds of cloths worth about Taka two lakhs.

While committing dacoity, the dacoits fasten the younger brother of the cloth shop owners who was then inside of the shop.

A case was started in this connection with the Alamdanga thana police while the Officer-in-Charge of the police station Idris Ali along with some sepoy went to the village Bagerkhal and searched some houses out of apprehension while he recovered some of the stolen goods.

British recognition to MMC to be considered

MYMENSINGH, Aug 2: The General Medical Council of Great Britain will consider the application for recognition of MBBS degree of the Mymensingh Medical College in April next year, according to official sources here, reports BSS.

A 4-member British Medical team headed by Dr Timothy H Walsh, Consultant Surgeon, St Mary's Hospital, UK visited the Mymensingh Medical College and Hospital last week (July 18-20). The members of the team will act as the academic referees for the Mymensingh Medical College when the application of recognition will come up for consideration in April next.

Three other members of the British medical team were: Dr David H A Boyd, formerly Consultant Physician Western General Hospital, UK, Dr Ivor T Davie, Anaes Consultant, Anaestheology Western General Hospital, UK and Dr AFA Akram Sayeed, OBE, Overseas Adviser to the Minister of Health and Family Planning, Bangladesh.

Accompanied by Prof ASM

Mofakharul Islam, Principal, MMC the team also visited Muktagachha Health Complex and Kishoreganj District Hospitals as the health complexes of Muktagachha, Trishal, Bhaluka, Iswarganj and Nandail, Jal-Chhatra Leposey Hospital and Kishoreganj District Hospital are affiliated with the Mymensingh Medical College for academic programme.

UP chairmen's training concludes

FENI, Aug 2: A three-day training course for the Union Parishad Chairmen of Feni district concluded at Feni Zila Parishad auditorium-recently, reports BSS.

A total of 46 union parishad chairmen participated in the training course. Officers of the Local Government and Rural Development Ministry, and district level officers imparted their training on different aspects.

Beggars on increase in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 2: The beggars are increasing day by day in the town as well as in 13 upazilas of the district.

The beggars are creating much inconveniences to the town sellers and the concerned areas.

The beggars are mostly floating people. Continuous floods, cyclones and erosions of the rivers have compelled them to sail for unknown destinations. They come to the towns and commercial places in search of work but most of them are compelled to beg for mere existence.

Having no shelter, the beggars use to stay at railway station, launch ghats and the verandas of schools and colleges. So, they have to respond to the call of nature at open places and that pollutes the environment.

Some town dwellers informed that various infectious disease have been spreading in the town as the beggars are carrying the germs.

Finding no other alternatives, they find some illegal ways to manage their daily food. The young woman beggars are compelled to choose the profession of prostitutes for mere living. These no doubt increases corruption and anti-social activities.

The people of the district have urged the concerned authorities to take steps to rehabilitate the beggars for mitigating the public sufferings.

Beggars are increasing in number in the upazila and district headquarters causing concern to the social leaders and citizens.

There has been a continuous influx of beggars both male and female from the rural areas over the last few months.

A cute food crisis and unemployment in the dry season have compelled destitutes to seek jobs in the urban areas and failing to get any work, they resort to begging or immoral activities.

Bus and railway stations, launch terminals, stadium areas and corridors of government offices are full of aims seekers.

Works of 55 projects completed at Barisal

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 2: Works of 55 projects out of 130 development projects of Barisal Poursava have already been completed during 1991-1992 financial year with an estimated cost of 2,19,88,612 Taka.

Ahsan Habib Kamal, Administrator, Barisal Poursava in a press conference held at the poursava auditorium recently said, 40 per cent of the other 40 works have also been completed. The works of the rest 35 projects will be started after the rainy season.

Besides, more eight special development schemes have also been undertaken and these works are ongoing.

These projects include construction of a Community Hall turn commercial complex with an estimated cost of 65.54 lakh Taka, construction of a multistoried building in Purnabazar with an estimated cost of

1.30 crore Taka, reconstruction of Nazirerpool over Jaikhal with an expenditure of 29.61 lakh Taka, repair works of Alekanda Kalu Sah Sarak with an expenditure of 9.77 lakh construction of 4-storied New Market building in the poursava evening market with the estimated cost of 2.5 crore Taka and some other development and repair works.

To ensure supply of pure drinking water to the people of the Barisal poura area within June last, 30 deep tubewells have already been installed with the financial assistance of UNICEF.

He informed that Barisal town has already been included in the "11-town development project" which will be financed by Asian Development Bank (ADB). 25 crore Taka in total will be spent in five years next for the development-works in the poura area.

Two to get life-term for murder

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Aug 2: Sudhendu Kumar Biswas, Additional District Sessions Judge, Satkhira sentenced one Momin Gazi of village Talkup under Tala thana life-term imprisonment and in default to suffer six months more RI on charge of killing his daughter-in-law recently.

The prosecution case in brief is that Momin Gazi beat his daughter-in-law Bikis Khatun (18) mercilessly with the help of his son Keramat Ali. As result, she died on the spot. Later, they tried to suppress the killing as suicidal by pouring poison into the victim's mouth and they went to Tala thana for filing a UD case on July 21, 1989. Police

rushed to the spot and sent the body to Satkhira Hospital for autopsy.

The learned judge gave the punishment after viewing the records.

Advocate Abdur Rouf, APP appeared on behalf of government while Advocate Delwar Rahman defended the accused.

UNB report adds: One person was sentenced to life imprisonment on charge of murder by the court of District and Sessions Judge Sudhendu Kumar Biswas Thursday last.

The Judge convicted Daud for murdering Moniruzzaman on January 12, 1987 after examining 11 witnesses.



GAZIPUR: Long thana police recovered 1145 pieces of Indian sarees from Mazu Khan village under Sadar upazila recently. — Star photo