

District roundup

GAIBANDHA

Dacoits loot valuables, one hurt

From Our Correspondent
Aug 10: One person received injuries and valuables including cash worth about Taka twenty thousand were looted in a dacoity at village Darbasta under Gobidaganj thana of the district recently.
At dead night, a gang of about 15 miscreants armed with deadly weapons attacked the house of one Lahu Chandra. The miscreants snatched away valuable goods, ornaments and cash from the inmates of the house. While the miscreants were fleeing, the elder son of the house owners Babul was trying to resist the miscreants. The miscreants stabbed him with a dagger. The victim was removed to local hospital in critical condition. A case was filed with police in this regard.

PABNA

Two women commit suicide

Aug 10: Two women allegedly committed suicide in two village of Sadar thana of the district on Wednesday, reports UNB.
Police said Shahida Khatun (20) daughter of Golamuddin of Rajapur village committed suicide by hanging herself from a tree.
In another incident, Amena Khatun (30) wife of Moslemuddin of Arifpur village committed suicide by taking insecticide following family troubles.

COMILLA

Man to die on charge of killing woman

Aug 10: A man was given death sentence by hanging on charge of killing a woman, court sources said here, reports UNB.
Court sources said, accused Zahirul Islam Bhuiyan (32) of Ounaighar village in Devidwar thana wanted to marry the victim Umme Kauser (18) daughter of Hajee Abdul Mannan of the same village.
But being refused by the girl Bhuiyan, on July 6, 1990 entered Kauser's house and murdered her by cutting her throat with a sharp knife.
After examining witnesses and records the Additional Sessions Judge Modabbir Hussain awarded the punishment recently.

AGRI-VARSITY

First Secy of Japan Embassy visits BAU

Aug 10: The First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh Kaza Hiro Tajika paid a brief visit to the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) and had a courtesy call with the Vice-Chancellor of BAU at the latter's office-chamber on August 5. They exchanged views on various aspects of academic and research programmes of the university, says a press release.
On behalf of the Embassy of Japan in Bangladesh, Tajika formally handed over a number of valuable books to the Vice-Chancellor of BAU as gift to the university library.
The simple ceremony was attended by all Deans, Students' Affairs Advisor, director of BAURES, Director of Planning and Development, Librarian, Director of Physical Education and Director of Public Relations and Publication of BAU.

BARISAL

Course on women's income concludes

Aug 10: A 5-days-long training course on management of women's income generating activity concluded at BUK Training Centre, Jordan road of the district recently, says a press release.
A total of 30 participants from different NGOs of the southern region attended this training.
Some of the topics of the course were: feasibility studies, marketing, monitoring and evaluation with practical field visit.
The training was conducted by Centre for Women and Child Development (CWCD), Dhaka. It was organised by a local organization SDS and sponsored by OXFAM, Bangladesh.

KUSHIA

Flag meet held

Aug 10: A flag meeting was held Wednesday last between sector commanders of Bangladesh Rifles and Indian Border Security Force at Mujibnagar, reports BSS.
BDR Sector Commander Lt. Colonel Mahabubur Rahman led Bangladesh team while BSF Sector Commander Bhupinder Singh led the Indian delegation.
The meeting is stated to have discussed various border problems including women trafficking from Bangladesh and smuggling.
Both sides agreed to help each other to stop these illegal activities in the border.

BARGUNA

Post offices in pitiable condition

Aug 10: All the post offices in the rural areas of the district are unable to render service for lack of maintenance, reports UNB.
There are about 83 branch post offices in the district mostly in the rural areas, accommodated in rented houses which are kutchas and are now in a dilapidated condition.
Rain water leaks into many of the offices through the roofs damaging valuable records and papers. Some of the post offices are functioning without post master.
Local leaders urged the authority to take steps to improve the condition of the post offices.

MAGURA

Housewife beaten to death for dowry

Aug 10: A housewife of village Chutfalla of Sadar thana of the district was allegedly beaten to death for dowry by her husband, reports UNB. Police sources said, Dolena Begum (20) daughter of Syed Ali of village Narhati was married to Noopur Ali of village Chutfalla eight months back. He was given valuable goods as dowry at the time of his marriage.
But after the marriage Noopur Ali demanded more dowry in cash and kind from his father in law.
Having been refused, he started torturing his wife and on the fateful day the beat her mercilessly. The dead body was then hung on a nearby tree on July 30 to make it appear like a suicide.
Police investigation is going on and arrest has yet been made.

DINAJPUR

Police, BDR nab 4 persons with smuggled goods

Aug 10: Police and BDR personnel arrested four people and recovered huge quantity of smuggled goods from various parts of the district recently, reports UNB.
Acting on secret information, BDR men recovered 103 pieces of Indian saree police raided Madhabpur Super Market and recovered 213 litre country made wine and wine preparing materials.
Police arrested four people identified as Murmu, Kamal Kisku, Jewel Kisku and Narmi Murmu from the spot.
Meanwhile, Shankarpur Union Parishad Chairman recovered 50 gram of heroin from his area and handed it over to Kotwali Police.

SYLHET

Mosquito menace

From Our Correspondent
Aug 10: Mosquito menace has increased at the town causing a great inconveniences to the people.
Stagnant water in the drains, canals, ponds, and garbage besides the roads are the ideal places for breeding of mosquitoes. Most of the kutchas and pucca drains are not cleaned regularly, it is observed.
The school and college students, who are now busy with the preparation of their examinations are the worst sufferers. A good percentage of the people of the town who can not afford to buy mosquito nets, have to pass sleepless nights. The situation goes worst during the monsoon.
Meanwhile, in the face of growing mosquito menace, adulterated mosquito coils have flooded the markets.



JAMALPUR: The district unit of Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity brought out a silent procession in the town protesting attack on local newsmen and newspaper's office recently. — Star photo

Eleven get life-term

College student to die for killing school girl

FARIDPUR, Aug 10: A college student was awarded death penalty and another youngman life-term in the sensational Jharna murder case, reports UNB.
According to the prosecution, the victim Jesmin Akhtar Jharna a student of class eight was kidnapped by the accused Harun Sarkar and his accomplice Abul Hossain on her way to school on February 16, 1988.
Police recovered her beheaded body from a nearby sugarcane field later. After proper investigation police charged Harun Sarkar and Abul Hossain for homicide.
Later the case was referred to CID.
After examining the witnesses and records the Additional District and Sessions Judge Abul Ahmad gave death sentence to Harun Sarkar and life-term to Abul Hossain recently.
Our Correspondent from Chandpur says: S M Jamsedur Rahman, District and Sessions Judge, Chandpur in a judgment recently found ten persons guilty for murdering two persons and sentenced them to suffer imprisonment for life.
The prosecution case in brief is that on 23.5.86, the accused Ibrahim Hazra and others suddenly attacked Noor Mohammad Hazra and Siddiqur Rahman Hazra with lethal weapon while they were working in a paddy field.
As a result, Noor Mohammad Hazra died on the spot and Siddiqur Rahman Hazra died at Chandpur Hospital. Before death, Siddiqur Rahman Hazra made a statement before the court against the accused.
After hearing both the sides the learned Judge found ten persons guilty. They are Ibrahim Hazra, Salamat Mandal, Nabi Hossain, Safiullah, Sekander Hazra, Jahangir Hazra, Muslim Hazra, Oais Kuruni, Baki Ullah, Zainal Gazi.
Sheikh Matur Rahman PP, Md Siddiqur Rahman APP, Makbul Hossain APP appeared for the state while Abu Zafar Mainuddin, Kazi Habibur Rahman defended the case.

Two women including bride kidnapped

PATUAKHALI, Aug 10: A bride was kidnapped from the wedding ceremony by some miscreants in Dhania union of Bhola Sadar, reports UNB.
Local people said, Tasnoor (17), the bride was forcibly taken away by the gang led by Noor-e-Alam (30) of the same village last week.
Later police on secret information rescued Tasnoor from a house of lisha union and arrested the Kidnapper Alam. Police took Tasnoor to custody.
A case has been filed in this connection.
A report from Magura says: A woman was kidnapped by some miscreants from her house at Satrujtipur in Sadar thana.
Family sources said, Anwara Begum (28), wife of Osman Goni was sleeping in her room on July 25 while four miscreants forcibly took her away.
A case has been registered with the local police.
A report from Patuakhali says: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (DKB) allocated agricultural loan of Taka 601.41 crore for distribution in seven zones of the country during the current fiscal year.
The zone are Barisal, Khulna, Sylhet, Chittagong, Comilla, Mymensingh and Dhaka.
Of the total allocation, 53 per cent will be disbursed for the crop sector and 47 per cent for the non crop sectors.
Of the amount, Taka 44869.42 lakh has been allocated for distribution as short term loans and Taka 15271.58 lakh as term loan.
The short term loan will be disbursed for crop production, tea leaf production, socio-economic programmes, fish culture, banana and other fruit cultivation and processing and marketing of agricultural commodities and seasonal preservation of potatoes.
The term loan will be distributed in different sectors including irrigation, machinery, cattle rearing, development of tea garden, agro industries, garden based crops, plant baraj and socio-economic uplift programmes.

10 injured as BCL, ICS clash on CMC campus

From Our Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Aug 10: At least 10 students were injured in a clash between the activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League and the ICS Shibir in the Chittagong Medical College campus this morning.
Four of the injured were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital.
Witnesses said the trouble began when a group of ICS activists attacked a BCL rally on the campus marking the observance of the Martyred Intellectual Day.
Both the groups used lethal weapons and chased and counter chased each other.
Panchiatsh police said the situation was brought under control and none had been arrested in this connection.



BOGRA: These are not the poor people's hut in the village. A local NGO is trying to store potato in low cost method inside of these katcha houses. No air cooler will be required in these process. — Star photo

Notes from Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent
CHUADANGA, Aug 10: The 8th founding anniversary of the local weekly "The Chuadanga Darpan" was observed here on August 5.
In this connection, an elaborate programme was chalked out earlier to observe the day.
The programme included discussion meeting, cultural function and publication of a souvenir.
The discussion meeting was held at local Sree Monto town hall. The editor of the weekly Anwar Hossain presided over the function. Dr. Anwarul Karim, Principal, Meherpur Government College was present on the occasion as the chief guest while Mokbulur Rahman, founder President of Chuadanga Press Club and Mohammad Firoz, the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Meherpur were present on the occasion as the special guests.
Among others who addressed the discussion meeting were Quamrul Arefin, President Chuadanga Press Club and The Daily Star Correspondent at Chuadanga, M Mahtabuddin, Nurul Islam Joarder, Fote Ali, Ashiruddin, Abu Bakar, Advocate Moniruzzaman, Mrs Mousufa Begum and Mrs Selina Kader.

Training course for reporters held

A day-long training course for the reporters of local weekly "Chuadanga Darpan" was held at 'local Chuadanga Academy High School's teachers common room recently.
Including the staff of the weekly 18 reporters for the different areas of Chuadanga district took part in the training course.
The Daily Star Correspondent at Chuadanga Md Quamrul Arefin who is also the President of local Press-Club and a member of the weekly "Chuadanga Darpan" advisory board conducted the training course. Besides Anwar Hossain, editor of the weekly and Abdul Motin (advisor of the weekly) also spoke on the occasion.

Minor girl killed in road mishap

A minor girl named Lucky of village Alokdia under Chuadanga Sadar thana was killed on the spot when she was run over by a speeding minibus at Alokdia Bazar on Chuadanga-Meherpur bus route, three miles from here recently.
It is learnt that the ill fated girl was crossing the road while she was run over by the speeding minibus as a result she died on the spot.

Tagore's death anniversary held

The 51st anniversary of death of Kabi Guru Rabindranath Tagore was observed here recently.
In this connection, a discussion meeting and a poetry recitation session was held at local Shahitto Parisad.
Rezaul Hoque, president of the organisation presided over the function.
Among others who addressed the discussion meeting were Sarder Ali Hossain, Banwari Lal Bagla, Shamsul Islam and others.

3 UD cases recorded

Three unnatural death cases were recorded in Chuadanga Sadar thana during a week last.
Of the total unnatural death cases, one Kohinur Begum aged about 20 years wife of one Sukur Islam of village Balia Kandi under Chuadanga Sadar thana committed suicide by taking poison.
It is learnt that the ill fated house wife committed suicide since she failed to give birth to any issue.
Another 20 years old house wife named Nasima wife of one Azzur Rahman of village Jalshuka under Sadar thana also committed suicide by taking poison following family trouble on July 31.
Shinni, a minor girl of one Azmat Ali of village Mahmud Zamma of Chuadanga Sadar thana met a tragic unnatural death on August 3 when she took insecticide instead of medicine out of mistake.

BCCI unit office-bearers

The biennial election of the Chuadanga branch of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries was held here at the office room of the chamber recently.
All the office bearers for the chamber were elected unanimously.
The elected office bearers are: President — Mozammel Hoque, Vice-President — Maula Box and Wasiqueur Rahman Joarder, Secretary — Mr Asiruddin, Jr. Secretary — Selim Reza and A K Asad.
Members — Abdul Halim, Habul Hossain, Shahidul Hoque, Musa Min, Moniruzzaman, Zohir Hossain, Nil Rasan Shah, Ramjan Ali, Golam Mohabb, Abdul Hoque, Shoukot Ahmed, Maula Box Khan, Mofizuddin and Alauddin.

Fresh Jamuna erosion renders many homeless

TANGAIL, Aug 10: Fresh erosion by the Jamuna rendered thousands of people homeless in the south-west char areas of Tangail during the last few weeks, reports BSS.
Agricultural, Land, Educational, institutions, mosques and other property in the char areas have been destroyed by the river. The affected villages are Kakuia, Daikabari, Argalla, Rajnagar, Debugalia, Zidah and Poart of the Huga union of south-west char areas three hundred houses, two thousands acres of agriculture land were devoured by the river.
Over two thousand people were affected by the erosion.
Kakuia primary school, girls school and high school, Galla Hossain school, Hossain Hasan school and seven mosques have been destroyed by the river.
The affected people have taken shelters on embankment and there safer places.
The administration have distributed some relief materials among the affected people but they are inadequate.
BSS reports adds: Twenty one passengers were injured on Thursday in two separate road accidents on Dhaka-Tangail Highway.
One incident occurred near Dalikaratia while a passengers bus met a head-on collision with a truck and went out of the road.
Another accident occurred near Mirzapur while a Tangail bound coach skidded off the road.

Most hats, bazars in pitiable condition

GAZIPUR, Aug 10: Most of the hats and bazars in the district are in a pitiable condition causing difficulties to both the buyers and sellers, reports UNB.
In the absence of dustbins all the garbage are being dumped in the bazar areas here and there polluting the environment and causing mosquito breeding.
The bad drainage system in almost all the hats and bazars turns worse during the rainy season. Waters remain stagnant after a slight rainfall causing the market roads muddy and slippery.
Moreover, absence of public toilets in almost all the trade centres in the district have been causing immense suffering to the people.
Local leaders urged the authorities to take immediate steps to solve the problems.
An extensive plan has been drawn up for transplant Aman paddy cultivation on 1,26,000 acres of land in six thanas of the district during the current season.
Official sources said of the total, 9,300 acres would be cultivated under HYV paddy and the rest would be cultivated under local variety.
Of the total land, 3,200 acres will be in Sadar, 44,000 acres in Sreepur, 32,000 acres in Kapasia, 13,100 acres in Kaligonj, 25,200 acres in Kaliakari, 8500 acres of land in Tongi thana under the programme.
The Agriculture Extension Department has set up 25 demonstration plots in six thanas to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation.
The department will also supply essential seeds, fertilizers and pesticides among the owners of the demonstration plots free of cost.
A scheme has been taken up to bring 400 hectares of land under sugarcane cultivation in six thanas of the district during the current season.
According to Agriculture Extension Department (AED), it is expected that about 19,200 tons of sugarcane will be produced in the district during the season.
The AED will set up six demonstration plots to acquaint the farmers with the scientific methods of sugarcane cultivation.
Meanwhile, Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation will distribute fertilizers, pesticides and other necessary inputs to make the programme a success.

Dharla river erosion: 150 families homeless

From Our Correspondent
KURIGRAM, Aug 10: More than 150 families of Jigabari Ghat in Kurigram pourashova area have been rendered homeless by erosion of the river Dharla during the last seven days and about 500 acres of cultivable land have also been devoured by the river.
The erosion-hit areas are Jigabari, Krishnapur, Kartmerkhama, East-Munshipara and South-Kamarpura.
It is learnt that the erosion affected people have taken shelter in different schools, footpath, union parishad office and on the bargages. They are now passing hard days as no help has so far been extended to them.
Elaborate arrangements by the higher authority is needed both for rehabilitations of the erosion-hit families and raise funds for protecting the area from erosion.
Meanwhile, a group of erosion affected people went to the Deputy Commissioner, Kurigram and demanded financial help for their rehabilitation. They handed over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.
Our Correspondent adds:

Blood donation programme held at JU

SAVAR, Aug 10: A blood donating programme was arranged at the Jahangirnagar University campus recently under the joint auspices of JU units of Rotary Club and Rotaract Club, reports UNB.
The programme was organised to mark the installation of the Rotaract Club in JU.
A total of 45 students of the university donated blood.

School boy commits suicide

BRAHMANBARIA, Aug 10: A school boy Bulbul (12) of village Bazirdpur of Nabinagar thana of the district has allegedly committed suicide by taking poison.
The cause of his suicide could not be ascertained immediately.
Bulbul was a student of class six of Mazfara High School.

Dacoits loot valuables at Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Aug 10: A daring dacoity was committed at a rice mill at Haldihant bazar in Sadar thana of the district on Sunday, reports UNB.
Mill sources said a gang of about 22 dacoits boarding a truck suddenly attacked the mill, tied its seven workers and decamped with 60 maunds of paddy, 15 maunds of rice, one bundle of CI sheet and other valuables.

Indian salt recovered

KUSHIA, Aug 10: On secret information, the law enforcing agency personal led by a Magistrate recovered 8080 kilograms of Indian salt from the river Padma at Raiba village under Bheramata thana on August 4, reports BSS.
According to an official press release, the value of salt in Bangladesh currency comes to Taka seven lakh and sixtysix thousands.