# District roundup

#### RAJBARI

## Two to die for murder

Aug 18: Two people were awarded death penalty and eight others life imprisonment Sunday in a sensational murder case, court sources here said, reports UNB.

Arifur Rahman (30) and Abdul Hye (50) were given death penalty and Mohammad Suja, Keramat Ali, Mohamad Osman, Abdul Azam Khan, Mohammad Shahjahan, Mohammad Wahid, Abdul Kuddus and Ansar Ali awarded life term while 10 others were acquitted.

The court also fined the eight convicts Taka 3,000 each or in default to suffer three months more imprisonment.

The prosecution story, in brief, is that all the convicts attacked Bablu (22) with deadly weapons and stabbed him severely on October 8 last year while he was returning his Dauki village home from Chandoni Bazar.

Bablu was rushed to Rajbari Sadar Hospital where he succumbed.

Ayub Ali, elder brother of Bablu filed a case with Rajbari police in this connection.

District and Sessions Judge A K M Fazlur Rahman after examining the witnesses and records awarded the punish-

#### BARISAL

### Plan to make self-sufficient in food

Aug 18: Agriculture Extension Department has taken up a production programme for making eleven southern districts under Barisal Agriculture Zone (BAZ) self-sufficient in food within three years, reports BSS.

The districts are: Barisal, Jhalakhati, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patukhali, Barguna, Faridpur, Gopalgonj, Rajbari, Madaripur and Sharlatpur.

According to an official source, a total of 2,41,01,057 acres of land will be brought under cultivation in these districts.

The production target has been fixed at 2,67,45,890 metric tons of foodgrains, the

Of the total 52, 10,305 metric tons of aus and aman paddy will be produced in 48,62,270 acres, 3,37,378 metric tons of wheat in 4,26,704.85 acres.

#### MAGURA

## One commits suicide by taking poison

Aug 18: A man allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at Raghabdair village of Sadar thana, police said, reports UNB.

Family sources said the vic tim Mosharraf Hossain (25). son of Adiluddin of the village met the tragic end last week following a family feud.

The body was sent to morgue for postmortem. A case has been filed with

the police in this connection.

#### NETRAKONA

### 150 held with arms, ammunition

Aug 18: Netrakona district police rounded up a total of 150 alleged miscreants and recovered a good number of illegal fire arms and animunition from ten thanas of Netrakona district under countrywide anti-crime drive programme entitled "Operation August-92" during the

last fortnight. Police Super, Netrakona Anwar Hossain Khan told BSS here Monday that the arrested miscreants were included absconders, dacoits, terrorists, illegal fire arms holders and notorious criminals wanted

for various cases. The recovered fire arms included five pipeguns, one automatic revolver and twelve rounds of live bullets. The arrested miscreants were produced before courts, the police super said.

## **JAMALPUR**

# Singer dead

Aug 18: G M Zakiul Huq, a well-known actor, singe and former teacher of Dewangoni Boys High School, died here recently after a prolonged illness. He was 66, reports BSS.

Hug who performed on the stage over the last three decades had been suffering from several diseases and undergoing acute financial con-

A popular teacher, he retire from active service a few years ago and survived only on private tuition. He left behind three sons and five daughters.

#### GAZIPUR

### Acute scarcity of drinking water

Aug 18: Acute scarcity of drinking water in Kaliakoir thana of the district is prevailing for a long time as a large number of tubewells went out of order, reports UNB.

According to informed sources, out of 1953 tubewells in nine unions of the thana, 200 have been lying inoperative for a couple of months compelling the local people to drink polluted pond water. As a result a large number of people have been attacked by various water-borne diseases.

Many hand driven tubewells went out of order during the dry season due to fall in water level, local ground people said

Local leaders have urged the authorities to install deep tubewells instead of hand driven ones to ensure supply of pure water in the district.

#### COMILLA

## Apex Foundation Stipend

Aug 18: Apex Club of Comilla awarded Apex Foundation Stipend to three blind students of Comilla Victoria Collegiate School, reports

The stipends were given in a simple ceremony held on August 12 at Apex office in a brief function with Apexian Zahirul Islam Dolon in the chair.

The stipend styled "Solaiman Khan Barzari" was handed over to the recipients by life Governor Bangladesh Apexian Advocate Abul Khair. The recipients were Shah Alam of class ten, Sankar Kumar Karmakar of class eight and Mojibul Haque of class

#### MADARIPUR

## Tree plantation campaign on

Aug 18: Tree planting campaign is going on it full swing in the district as part of the countrywide drive to bring ecological balance, reports UNB.

Apart from the government programme a number of socio cultural organisations and educational institutions have chal ked out elaborate programmes in this connection.

Meanwhile, different spe cies of saplings have already planted at schools or office building premises in the district. Official sources said people are taking keen interest in planting saplings o various fruit-bearing trees in their respective locality to

make programme a success. Local leaders have urged the authorities to distribute more saplings free of cost to encourage the common people to join the campaign.

#### NARAYANGANJ

#### Reception to best cooperators

Aug 18: A reception was ac corded to best cooperators on August 10 at the office of Na rayanganj Sadar Thana central cooperative samity here, reports BSS.

Director General of Ban gladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) Syed Margub Murshed was present at the function as chief guest while Deputy Director of the BRDB, K A M Musa was special guest.

Prizes were distributed among the best cooperators. 1,000 coconut saplings were distributed free of cost among the members of the cooperative society.

#### PANCHAGARH

## Debiganz college facing problems

Aug 18: Debiganj College in the district has been facing multifarious problems including shortage of teachers, reports UNB.

The college' is still a tinshed building with no separate administrative office room, no library, an auditorium and no common room for teachers and students.

Classrooms with inadequate sitting arrangement are being used as administrative office which again is wet in the rainy season by drops of rain water pouring down the perforated tin-root

College teachers have no staff quarters. A small tin-shed house which can accommodate only 8 students is used as students hostel.

Local leaders urged the concern authorities to take immediate steps to improve condition in the college with the money given by the Education Minister during his recent visit here.



Sirajganj Aman plants in Tarash thana are drying up for want of rainfall.

# Diarrhoea claims 15, attacks 500 in 2 thanas of Pabna

PABNA, Aug 18: Diarrhoea that broke out in an epidemic form claimed 15 lives including six babies and attacked 500 others in Sadar and Atghoria thanas of the district during last week, reports UNB.

According to health control room, the victims were identified as: Mazeda (4), Hatem Ali (32) of Hazirhat village, Tozammel (2) of Arifour village, Tasirun Bewa (50), Abdul Mazid (5), Tuli (2), Nazir Ali (35) and Baker (25) of Pratabpur village in Sadar thana.

In Atghoria thana, the victims were identify as: Masum (8). Mokbul Mollah (35), Abeda Khatun (55), Monir (2), Gutu (30) and Serajul (21) of Laxmipur village, Sobeda Bibi (60) and Dudukha (65) of Matigachha village.

Civil Surgeon of the district said at least 84 medical teams have been working in the affected areas round the clock and the situation is under

A huge quantity of electric and telephone wire worth about Taka 4 crore was stolen from different lines of nine thanas of the district during last six months.

According to Power Development Board, 12000 metre long electric wire was stolen from Chatmohar, 9500 metre from Ishwardi, 5200 metre from Bera, 100 metre from Vangura and 2500 metre from Sujanagar lines. About 10,000 metre elec-

tric wire was also stolen from Pabna poura areas and 30,0000 metre telephone wire was stolen from different parts of the district, the sources Callico Cotton Mills of the

district remained closed for some days due to power disruption caused by the burglary of electric wire. It is alleged that some un-

Rower Development Board are involved with this large scale burglary. At least 302 cases have

scrupulous officials of the

been filed with different police stations in this connection.

Police nabbed 235 people

on various charges and recovered a huge quantity of fire arms from different parts of nine thanas of the district in the last fortnight. The miscreants involved in

various crimes including road dacoity, hijacking, snatching, murder, theft and extortion of tolls were wanted by the police for a long time, police said.

The recovered arms included eight pipeguns three pistols, three cut rifles, one shotgun, two rifles, 12 lethal weapons, three daggers, five knives, three bombs and 132 cocktails

About 100 cases were filed with the different police sta-

# UPEP faces serious setback which had not been razed by

PANCHAGARH, Aug 18 The University Primary Education Programme (UPEP) has been facing serious setback in Greater Dinajpur district for lack of accommodation, shortage of teachers, funds and others facilities, reports UNB.

According to sources, abnormal high prices of papers and other educational materials, poverty of guardians and other social factors are also depriving the children from the opportunity to have primary education in the three districts of Panchagarh. Thakurgaon and Dinajpur.

The primary school buildings which had been damaged by natural calamities during the last few years have not yet been repaired particularly in the rural areas.

Roofs of school buildings

storms or floods have became too old to withstand heavy rain. Many schools are holding classes in the open and many others do not have benches for students to sit.

Some schools with a large

number of students have been facing problems due to short age of teachers while a few having requisite number of students have more teachers than needed. According to Education

Department, the total number of primary students, in 23 thanas of Greater Dinajpur is 10,97,064. Of the total, only 2,97,903 get the facilities to read and write in 1555 primary schools.

About 146 posts of primary school teachers have been lying vacant for a long time, official sources said.

All the 310 government primary schools with the exception of a few do not have necessary accommodation facilities. As a result, students of many government primary schools have to sit either on bricks or on mats for want of requisite number of benches.

The non-government primary schools established under the local initiatives are not getting government support al though these institutions provide education facilities to a large number of children, local people alleged.

Local people urged the gov ernment to take proper steps to solve the problems for the success of universal primary education in the district.

# Borguna Govt College in crisis

BARGUNA, Aug 18: Barguna Government College is beset with manifold problems, reports UNB.

The number of classrooms are inadequate to cope with the rising number of students. Out of 53 posts of teachers

in the college, 32 are still vacant, making the shortage too acute. The posts of librarian, office assistant and cashier are still vacant.

Laboratory room can hardly accommodate the science students and the situation has aggravated since the introduction of BSc course. Moreover, four posts of demonstrators are vacant for a long time.

The coilege staff have been facing acute housing problem in absence of residential quar-

Local leaders urged the authorities to take immediate steps for the over all development of the college.

Inadequate number of street lights in poura areas of the town has been causing much inconvenience to its

dwellers for a long time. Most of the poura light posts are without bulbs or with fuse bulbs. The town plunges into darkness after sundown causing much problems to the movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

The snatchers, hijackers and mastans become active after sun set in the poura area giving rise to anti-social activities, dwellers alleged.

Particularly the women do not dare to come out from their houses after sundown for fear of attack by the miscre-

Local leaders urged the poura authorities to take necessary steps in this regard without further delay.

Adulterated cement has been on sale in almost all the thanas of the district hampering public and private construction work for a long time, sources said.



MAULVIBAZAR: Shafquatul Wahid, President, Local Press Club giving away prizes to the winners of indoor games competition held at Ekatuna Primary School recently. Star photo

## Notes from Maulvibazar

From Our Correspondent MAULVI BAZAR, Aug 18: A meeting of Islami Front, Kamalgoni thana branch was held

recently at Shamsernagar

Jame mosque premises.

The meeting was presided over by Maulana Md Badruzza man, while Convener of Sylhet District Islami Front Maulana Shahjalal Ahmed Akhanjee attended the meeting as chie guest.

A 21-member convening committee was also formed in the meeting for the Kamalgoni thana branch of Islami Front with Hafiz Misbahuddin as Convener and Maulana Md Ahmed Hussain Khan as member-secretary.

#### Dacoits loot valuables

A daring dacoity was committed at dead of night recently in the house of Abdul Zabbar and Asit Devroy at Guptapara village under Kulaura thana of the district.

Witnesses said, the gang of dacoits numbering about 15 to 20 raided the house of Abdul Zabbar and Asit Devroy of same village and took away gold ornaments, cloths and cash.

On hearing the hue and cry of the inmates, people of the village rushed to the spot and gheraod the dacoits. But they caught red handed one dacoit Other dacoits managed to escape. The dacoits, who was caught. by the villagers was identified as Abdur Rahim of same thana.

This dacoit were later handed over to the police and a case has been filed with Kulaura thana.

#### Punishment to official's demanded

Employes of telephone exchange office. Maulvibazar broughtout a procession within the office area and gheraoed the local T&T authority here recently demanding punishments to there corrupt officials who are allegedly involved with corruption which undermine the prestige of local telephone exchange office. The situation however brought before the higher authority for immediate action.

#### 6 killed in separate incidents

Six persons including a minor girl were killed in Maulvibazar and Habigonj districts during the last two weeks in separate incidents, according to police.

Sreemongal was crushed to death under the wheels of a speeding bus at near Sreemongal towns on Sylhet-Dhaka highway. Rafique Miah (17) of Mukauta village under Rajnagar

One Abdul Latif (40) of

thana of Maulvibazar district committed suicide by taking poison. The cause of his suicide could not be known immediately. Kotai Mullah (40) of Sirai nagar village under Sreemon-

gal thana here allegedly com-

mitted suicide by hanging

himself. The body was sent to

Sadar Hospital for autopsy. Monowara begum (22), an young girl of Kumrakapon village under Kamalgonj thana of Maulvibazar district allegedly committed suicide by taking poison. The cause of her suicide could not be known. Body of the victim was sent to Maul-

#### vibazar hospital for autopsy. Anti-social activities

rampant Gambling and anti-social activities are going on unabatedly in broad day light at Sherpur area of Sadar thana.

Sherpur is the important place of the district for lunch station and road communica-

The gamblers indulge in anti-social activities in broad day light and continue till late night in defiance of the lowenforcing agency

Passersby and tender-age boys are allured to participate in gambling.

The youths, particularly the students are being allured by the anti-socials causing moral erosion. Guardians alleged that young boys and students spending their valuable times during night time in the venue. They also alleged that incidents of stabbing and hijacking are on the rise in the Sherpur bridge area.

Law-enforcing agencies and district administration are playing the role of stlent spectators for the reasons best

#### known to them. Prize distribution ceremony held

Prize distribution ceremony in connection with indoor game sports competition sponsored by Ekatuna Union Adarsha Pathagar was held at Ekatuna government primary school premises on August 11 with great enthusiasm. Mansur Ahmed Makis

presided over the function while Shafquatul Wahed, President of Maulytbazar press-club attended as chief guest and gave away the prizes among the winners

# Five to suffer lifeterm for murder

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 18: A K M Fazle Kabir, Additional District and Sessions Judge, 2nd Court, Kishoreganj in a judgement recently sentenced five persons to suffer imprisonment for life and fined Taka 5,000 each in default to suffer RI for six months more on the charge of killing one Ratan Chandra Debnath of village Beruail Khalapara in Kishoregani Sadar thana.

The persons awarded life term are Datlu Alais, Taheruddin, Nur Amin Alais Nurul Amin, Liaquat, Siraj and Mofiz. Of them Nur Amin Alais Nurul Amin has been absconding and he was tried in absentia. The court however found Abu Taher not guilty and acquitted him of the charge.

According to prosecution, on the night of July 12, 1989, the accused persons entered the house of Ratan Chandra Debnath with the intentions to commit dacoity.

The house-owner then woke up and identified the culprits. They then swooped on him with ramdao, kirich and injured him seriously. He was immediately rushed to the Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital where the doctor declared him dead

A case was registered with Kishoreganj Police which under investigation submitted charge-sheet against six persons under section 396 BPC. The judge after examining the evidences found five of the accused persons guilty and sentenced them to life term along with the said fine.

Advocate Mohiuddin Ahmed APP conducted the Prosecution while Advocate MA Rashid defended the accused persons.

## closed for want of fund From Our Correspondent

Chawpadaha Orphanage

GAIBANDHA, Aug 18: Chawpadaha Orphanage under Gaibandha Sadar thana has been closed down due to financial crisis.

The orphanage was set up in the year 1980 with about 80 orphans. The committee recruited four teachers to teach the inmates of the orphanage. But after running it for two years the committee ceased the activities due to acute financial hardship. Public donation was the source of income of the organisation.

the orphanage in a brick built tin-shed house which is now lying almost abandoned for lack of maintenance. On the otherhand, the teachers of the orphanage have become jobless since the closer of the organi-

Local social workers set up

With the closure of the orphanage, the inmates were complied to engage in various

petty works like labourer, hockery, begging and cowboy to earn their livelihood. Many of them are now engaged in anti-social activities, it is reported. The orphanage earlier pos-

sessed four looms, five sewing

machines and two knitting machines are now lying almost uncared and on the verge of disappearance. Moreover, all the machines went out of order for want of maintenance. Secretary of the orphanage Lohazuddin told this corre-

the rehabilitation of the or-A ten-morth old baby Reshma daughter of Abdul Hog of Balli in Sadar died Sunday allegedly after being administered poison instead of

spondent that the orphanage

could be restored again if some

financial help is extended for

# Thousands of children suffering from malnutrition

From Our Correspondent

MADARIPUR, Aug 18: About 30,000 children in 10 thanas of the districts Madaripur and Shariatpur have been suffering from malnutrition.

A large number of children have died of various diseases in these two districts during last few years.

A non-government survey conducted in these thanas revealed that the attack of this diseases live diarrhoea, dysentry, pneumonia, malaria, and hoping cough following the consecutive floods, droughts and other, natural calamities in most of the thanas of these two district during the last few

Acute scarcity of balanced die is another factor that lead to the premature death of the poor children. A large number of children die every year of the above mentioned diseases. Those who survive have to lead a miserable life during their lifetime.

The unfed or half-fed mothers find it difficult to give requests breast feeding which is the only appropriate diet for the children of the have-nots. The economic condition of

the people especially the rural

people of Kalkini, Shibchar,

and Rajior of Madaripur dis-

trict and Bhederganj.

Damudiya, Goshairhat, Naria,

Zanjira and Palong of Shariat-

pur district live below the

poverty line and find it difficult

town, reports UNB.

ing the drug.

It is reported that Nakalia college student Razib (19) and two motor workers Anar Ali

and Sibly died recently by tak-

# 50 Indian cows, 2 boats seized with smugglers

SATKHIRA, Aug 18 : Bangladesh Rifles seized 50 Indian cattle and two engine boats worth about Taka six lakh and arrested 22 alleged smugglers from Betna river near Budhata area on Sunday night, reports UNB.

Acting on secret informa-

tion, BDR jawans led by Com-

manding Officer Lt Col Moza-

mmel Haq seized the cattle while being loaded into the boats. Later, the cows were handed over to the local customs authority. A case has been filed with the police in this

connection. BSS from Kushtia adds : The law enforcing agency personnel in a raid on August 9 seized contraband goods worth Taka several lakh from Azamdanga Railway Station under

Kushtia district. According to an official source, the goods include inthe children the requisite die and take health care. The ignorance of the par cent is also greatly responsi-

to arrange their daily food. As a

result, they are unable to feed

ble for the malnutrition of the children. They are not aware of the use of the locally available edible herbs and vegetables. The ignorance of the villagers is also responsible for the malnutrition of the children.

The radio and TV advertisement on oral' saline and deficiency of vitamin A is much more effective to the rural people. Such kinds of advertisements are very helpful in making the ignorant parents aware of the ideas of health

## Open sale of phensidyl at Pabna

PABNA, Aug 18: Indian phensidyl syrup, a contraband item, is being sold openly at some medicine shops of the

According to informed sources, a gang of smugglers with the connivance of some unscrupulous narcotics officials are engaged in smuggling the spurious drug for a long time.

cream, blade and cows. The contraband goods were deposited to Kushtia customs and excise office. Decomposed

dian molasses, sugar, salt,

glass, toothpaste, saving

body recovered at Tangail TANGALL, Aug

Decomposed body of Mintu,

about twentyfive years old man,

was recovered from a tank beside Tangail Hospital yesterday by the police, reports BSS. Police said that Mintu, a businessman was kidnapped by miscreants on Thursday night from hospital area.

Mintu hatls from village Naoga under Sadar thana. Vigourous police investigation is going on to catch the murdered, police said.