### District roundup

COMILLA

#### Consultation meet concludes

Aug 21: A day-long consultation meeting was held at the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla in order to established a network on "Information and Development Communication Network" recently, says a Press release.

The main objective of the meeting was to worked out a procedure of management and operation of the network.

In total twentytwo participants, from the following institutions were participated the meeting. They were Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), SAARC Agriculture Information Centre, Rural Development Training Institute (RDTI), Rural Development and Co-operative Division, National Institute of Local Government (NILG), Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB), Bangladesh Co-operative College and Bangladesh Academy for Ruaral Development (BARD).

Director General, BARD presided over the inaugural and concluding session while M. Aftab Uddin Khan Director General, NILG presided\_over the discussion session.

Kabir, Joint Director (Dev. Communication) BARD, was the Convener of the meeting.

#### BRAHMANBARIA

Khairul

#### Week long Urs concludes From Our Correspondent

Aug 21: A week-long Urs Mubarak of Shah Pir Kellah Shahid was held here recently at Kharampur under Akhaura thana of the district in a befitting manner.

Thousands of devotee peoples from far flung rame here during Urs time.

Different types of stalls, shops, hotels, circus, and furniture, shops were installed by major committee Khrempur school premises.

They earned Taka seven lakh for seven days, it is learnt. It may be mentioned here that the Urs began on 11 August and it concluded on 18

The 'Akhery Munajat' was offered on 15 August at midnight.

### NOAKHALI

### 20,494 acres of land distributed

Aug 21: At least, 20,494 acres of khas land have been distributed among the 10,987 landless families in four thanas of the district upto June this year, reports UNB.

Of the total land, 15,191 acres were distributed to 8,190 families in Sadar, 3,533 acres to 1,766 families in Companiganj, 40 acres to 128 families in Senbag and 1,730 acres to 903 families in Hatiya thanas of the district

Meanwhile, khas lands were not distributed to the landless families of Begumganj and Chalkhil thanas due to problem of the system of distribu-

#### KUSHTIA

## BDR seize 10 Indian

### cows

Aug 21: Bangladesh Rifles seized 10 Indian cows worth about Taka 1.50 lakh in an anti smuggling raid from Sholong village in Bheramara thana Wednesday, reports UNB.

In another raid they also recovered a huge quantity of contrabands valued about taka

37,000 from Alamdanga railway station. Acting on tip, BDR rushed to the spot and recovered the contrabands which include sugar, molasses, salt, tooth

paste, shaving cream and razor Meanwhile, in another raid BDR seized eight Indian cows worth about Taka 1.20 lakh

Gagni thana para All the recovered contra-

bands have been handed over to the district customs author-

#### **JAMALPUR**

#### Husband kills wife for dowry

Aug 21: A young housewife was killed by her husband for dowry at village Beltia in Sadar thana of the district, reports

Suruj Mia (26) confessed to police that he had beaten his wife Lipi (18) to death Sunday night. He hanged her body from a mango tree to prove that she had committed sui-

#### PABNA

#### Police round up 10 notorious pirates

Aug 21: Police rounded up 10 notorious pirates from different parts of the district in last two days, reports UNB.

The arrested are Mizu Mandal (35), his brother Fazla Mandal (32), Ketu (27), Wazed Alt (25), Jitu (30), Anwar (25) and Ashu (40) of Bulnudar village in Bera thana, and gang leader Jeher Ali Bepari (45), Sddik (22), and Muzzem (34) of Rajbari in Pangsha thana.

Police Super MA Mabud told newsmen here today that 201 people have been arrested and 10 arms recovered from different parts of the district since August 1.

He said crimes in the district had fallen following the August Operation.

#### NARAIL

#### Rival groups clash leaves 10 hurt

Aug 21: At least 10 people were injured, five seriously, in a clash between two rival groups at Dattapara village in Sadar thana of the district Sunday, reports UNB.

On information, a contingent of police led by a magistrate rushed to the spot and arrested 25 people in this connection.

Seriously injured were admitted in Sadar hospital. A case has been filed in this connection.

#### GAIBANDHA

#### Food procurement suspended

From Our Correspondent Aug 21: Food procurement

in the district remains suspended since last one and half months due to accommodation problem in all godowns.

The concerned authority did not take initiative for transferring over stored food grains from different godowns, it is alleged.

During the last Boro crop season, the department procured about 26,638 metric tons of paddy and 119 tons of rice through its 17 procurement centres since July against target fixed at 30,000 metric tons. With the closer of government procurement. price of paddy and rice in the local market has come down to Taka 230/- and Taka 245/-

per maund. On the other hand, con cerned carrying contractor yet to start transportation of procured food grains despite issuing work orders.

Further procurement of food grains could be restored if excess food grains is re moved to other places.

#### SIRAJGANJ

#### Maidservant commits suicide

Form Our Correspondent Aug 21: Maidservant Halima Khatun (18) allegedly committed suicide in village Goprekhi under Belkuchi on August 13 last. She mysterious incident

have created confusion among

local people. It is learnt that Halima had been serving at the residence of Fazal Hossain Mallik of village Goprekht for about one year. On Aug 13 last, her hanged body was recovered from the residence of Fazal

An influential quarter allegedly tried to bury the body without post-mortem. But various rumours, a UD case was lodged with Belkuchi police and the body was sent to Sadar hospital for autopsy.

#### MAULVIBAZAR

#### Stolen car recovered

From Our Correspondent Aug 21: A stolen car [No Jessore Ka 7079) has been re covered by the Maulvibazar thana police recently from Chowmuhana area of the town.

On suspicion, police challenged the driver of the car Mamunul Hoque Chowdhury of village Mogna under Chokoria thana of Cox's Bazar district who had taken shelter in a hotel at Maulvibazar town, but he failed to produce any legal documents of the car. Mamunul Hoque Chowdhury also arrested by the police and sent him to court hajat.

In another report available here, police of Maulvibazar thana on a secret information raided a place at 'Shal-bagan' near village Sunapur under Mostafapur union of Sadar thana and recovered a pipegun, 711 ammunitions, one ram-dao and a knife.



SYLHET: Prof Sadruddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor, Shajalal University of Science and Technology giving away the championship trophy to the captain of Sylhet DSA team which won the final match of 'Ma-o Moni' tournament of Chittagong Zone Jha held at Sylhet stadium recently. - Star photo

# 30,000 hectares of land remain uncultivated

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 21: About 30,000 hectares of land in Sirajganj district remain uncultivated during current aman season for want of rainfall.

During the current season, a total of 30,500 hectares of land was selected for cultivating aman paddy. Accordingly, saplings were transplanted in a considerable amount of land. But for want of required rainfall and expected flood water, the saplings have dried up. About 30,000 hectares of land have been remaining fallow. It is gathered that during

the month of August last year. water level of Jamuna crossed the danger level inundating vast tracts of land in the district. But this year, the situation is quite opposite. Water level of Jamuna is not rising

and for want of water aman paddy could not be cultivated in the targeted land. Another report says: Seven 92 projects

completed BARISAL, Aug 21: A total of 92 projects under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have been completed at a cost of Taka 2.37 crore in Greater Barisal and Faridpur districts, reports UNB.

The projects implemented with the financial assistance of the World Bank including construction of 81 Family Welfare centres, 11 maternity -child centres, and repair and extension work on some existing

activists of Belkuchi thana Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal (JJD) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) have been expelled for assaulting thana BNP General Secretary and Dhukuria Bera UP Chairman Golam Mostafa.

It is gathered that the said activists assaulted Golam Mostafa following inter-party feud. The expelled activists are Shafiqul Islam Milan, Selim Bhutyan, Saidul Islam, Milan Bhuiyan of Jubo Dal and Monowar Hossain Maznu, Sariful Islam, Sazzad Hossain of JCD. Monowar Hossain Maznu is the President of Belkuchi Thana JCD.

After expulsion, however, Belkuchi college JCD sticked demanding withdrawal of cases against JCD

# 1.80 lakh tons foodgrains produced in Barind area

RAJSHAHI, Aug 21: The Barind multipurpose develop ment authority has brought one lakh three hundred acres of land under irrigation facility in the project area, reports

As a result, about one lakh eighty thousand five hundred metric tons of additional foodgrains worth Taka one hundred nineteen crore and

### Contraband goods seized

JHENIDAH, Aug 21: The BDR setzed contraband goods worth Taka eight lakh from raids conducted on at least 20 night coaches on the Dhaka-Khulna Highway near Al-Hera Institute in the town August 19, reports UNB.

The seized Indian goods include sarees, cloth, skin, cosmetic, motor parts, phensydil syrup and 16 cattleheads. The goods worth Taka 4.5

lakh and the cattleheads Taka 3.5 lakh. The cattle were seized at

Shekhpara in Shailakupa thana.

BDR team.

Major Salehuddin led the

tatta from local Olympia Textile Mill colony.

44 lakh were produced in the project area during the last fiscal year, an official handout

During the last irrigation season, 2,193 deep tubewells and 75 power pumps were in function in the project area.

The authority has installed 675 new deep tubewells in the last fiscal year against the target of one thousand. It also constructed 89 irrigation canal of total length of one lakh 88 thousand feet, provided electricity to 300 deep tubewells and re-excavated 50 derelict tanks during the period achieving cent per cent target.

Besides, construction work of an eight km long pucca road from Amnura to Mondumala is going on in full swing under the supervision of the author-

The Barind authority has undertaken a massive programme at a cost of Taka 45 crore to boost production in the project area in the current fiscal year.

The programme includes installation of 700 deep tubewells and 25 mft deep tube wells, re-excavation of 100

GAJIPUR: Tongi thana police recently recovered a huge quantity of daggar, ramdao, knife,

derelict tanks, construction of water supply system of 150 deep tubewells and six cross dams and 11 km long feeder road, pisciculture, crop diversification and purchase of 50 motor cycles.

The authority will plant 10 lakh saplings in the current year and produce 12 lakh saplings next year under afforestation programme.

# courts

PEROJPUR, Aug 21: The District Bar Association abstained from attending the court Thursday to protest the attack on Rashed Khan Menon, reports UNB.

The lawyers also brought out a procession in the city and held a street corner meeting. It was addressed by Advocate M A Mannan Ziaul. They demanded resignation

emplary punishment for the assassins of Menon MP, a leader of the Workers' Party. Meanwhile, Shwadhin

manded the same.

# Lawyers boycott

The election of Kishoregani Income Tax Lawyers Association was held recently Advocate Sekandar Ali, Rafiqui Islam and Abul Kashem were elected President, Secretary and Treasurer re-

spectively of the committee. Vice-President Advocate A Matin and Advocate Shafiqui Islam, Joint Secretary Advocate Satful Hoque Molla

of the Home Minister and ex-Bangla Jubo Parishad also de-

A partial hartal was ob-

#### Separation of student bodies from political parties a must' From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 21; Artfur Rahman Arif of Rajshahi Cadet College, who stood second in this year's SSC examinations from the Rajshahi Board, said four to five hours' study every day was enough to achieve brilliant results in the examina-

However, one would have to maintain regularity in studying to do better, he added.

Arif wants to be a computer engineer in future and if he gets scholarship, he may go abroad for higher studies in the subject. He, however, is not interested in staying long outside the country.

In an interview with The Daily Star, Arif also said that student politics should be made free from the influence of national political parties to restore a congental academic atmosphere in the educational institutions.

He is the eldest son among two staters and a brother.

- Star photo

## Problems hamper edn in govt college

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Aug 21: The Kurigram Government College has been plagued with manifold problems hampering the

education of students. Established in 1961 the Political Science for a long college was nationalised in 1980 but essential facilities and requisite number of teachers have not yet been provided to run the college

smoothly. There are 56 sanctioned posts in 14 departments in the college for about 1,500 students. But 33 teachers including 13 associate and 13 assistant professors are at present working in the college.

Notes from

Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

Two members of an inter-dis-

trict gang of dacoits were ap-

prehended by the Karimganj

police from a jungle of village

ing themselves for commit-

ting dacoity in a house of the

party led by Sekandar Ali,

Officer-in-Charge gheraoed the

dacoits and succeeded in

rounding up. Of them, named

Shahabuddin and Abul Kalam.

Police also recovered one

ramdao and two kiriches from

Assailants kill

an old man

was killed by assatlants on re-

miscreants called him out of

the house on the night of inci-

dent and took him to the bank

of Kachamatia river where he

was brutally killed. There had

been dispute over landed

property between the de-

ceased and some of his neigh-

the morgue of Mymensingh

Medical College Hospital for

with Ishwarganj police station

Daring theft

committed

ted in the house of Torab Ali,

retired senior Sub-Assistant

Engineer of Bangladesh

Railway at Tarapasha of

two miscreants entered the

room at dead of night by cut-

ting the iron rods of the win-

dow and looted tape-recorder,

wrist-watches, clothes and

gold ornaments amounting to

about taka 79,600 (seventy

nine thousand and six hun-

Kishoreganj police station un-

connection and none has yet

Body of young

girl recovered

the body of an unidentified

young girl aged about 15 from

a beel in village Dangri besides

Kishoreganj-Mymensingh road

the morgue of Kishoreganj

Sadar hospital for postmortem.

Nandail police station in this

Income tax lawyers

assoc executives

Other office bearers are:

Dulu, Sports and Cultural

Secretary Advocate Khairul

Alam Chowdhury and Members

Advocate Md Shahabuddin.

Advocate Mahmudul Islam

Jhanu, Sheikh A K M Nurur

Nabi, Advocate Md Nurunnabi,

Advocate Ruhul Quddus Selim

and Advocate Mattur Rahman.

The body was later sent to

A case was registered with

Nandail police recovered

A case was registered with

Section No 392 in this

dred) a dagger's point.

been arrested.

connection.

According to the report,

Kishoreganj town recently.

A daring theft was commit-

The body was later sent to

A case has been started

bours, it is learnt.

in this connection.

postmortem.

One Ahamed Ali (50) of vil-

to escape.

this connection.

The dacoits were prepar-

Acting on a tip, a police

Islampara recently.

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 21:

their possessions. Others members of the gang managed At present one post of associate professor, one post of A case was registered with lecturer in the department of Karimganj police station in Zoology, one post of assistant professor, two posts of lecturer in the department of Political Science, two posts of lecturer in each department of Bengali, English, Islamic History and Culture, Philolage Fanur in Ishwarganj thana sophy, Accounting, Management, Physics, Botany, one post of lecturer in each According to report, some

department of History, Chemistry and Zoology have been lying vacant.

To the astonishment of all there is a single teacher in

Moreover. Rajshahi University has introduced Finance, Marketing, Banking in B Com (Pass) courses five years ago but there are no teachers for these subjects.

Besides, the post of head assistant, librarian, cash sarker, and book sorter have been lying vacant for a long time. Librarian-cum-cataloguer has long been functioning as librarian, it is learnt.

The college has no boundary wall. The college authority is facing vexing problem due to absence of boundary wall.

Golam Rabbani Chowdhury. Secretary, Teachers' Council of the college told this correspondent that the teachers have been living within the campus in insecured position with their family members.

## Law, order situation in Bogra deteriorates

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, Aug 21: The law and order situation has alarmingly deteriorated in Bogra. The inhabitants particularly of Bogra town and adjoining areas have been passing their days in uncertainty.

Indiscriminate use of cock

tails and hand bombs, occurrences of violent and terrorist activities, killings, snatching, hijacking, dacoity, women abduction have become a common feature in Bogra now-a-The explosion of cocktails

even in the residences of political leaders, attack in local newspaper and other private offices, chasing and counter chasing have left about 100 people including housewife. children, innocent pedestrian, journalists injured during the last one month.

Under the situation, the

panic -stricken people of Bogra town are passing their days in great anxiety and feeling complete unsecured of their life and property.

Shops and business establishments are being closed down immediately after sunset to avoid any untoward incident and attack on life and prop-

Panic is also prevailing everywhere in the district due to violences during last one month. Lethal weapons are being carried by a section of terrorists in broad day light. Virtually people's life and property have become hostage in the hands of these terrorists and miscreants.

Sazzad Hossain, Deputy Commissioner of Bogra, met with the political leaders at his conference hall where Police Super discussed the prevailing law and order situation.



MADARIPUR: A snake-charmer in action.

## Diarrhoea, fever spreading alarmingly

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Aug 21 : Diarrhoea and virus fever have been spreading alarmingly in different parts of Kushtia dis-

It is reported that about 10,000 people have been attacked by these diseases in the rural areas during last one month. According to the physicians

the symptom of the virus fever is high temperature, body pain and headache. The patient becomes very weak. There is no curative medicine for this fever, doctors said. The children and women are the worst victims, they added.

On the other hand, hundreds of diarrhoeal patients

were being treated in the rural health complexes, sub-centres and hospitals. Meanwhile, a large number of patients with stomach atlments and other gastrointestinal diseases are pouring into the hospitals, but in absence of adequate supply of medicines in the health complexes they are facing a lot

of problems. Local doctors attributed the outbreak due to scarcity of pure drinking water and consumption of adulterated food.

A UNB report from Sirajganj says : Diarrhoca claimed five more lives in the district, raising to 11 the death toll from the disease in a month, officials said.

## Four of same family get life-term for murder

NILPHAMARI, Aug 21: Four people of a family have been sentenced to life-term in abstentia on charges of killing a young housewife, court sources here said, reports UNB.

The accused Ananda Kumar husband of the victim Anjubala, her father-in-law Jogesh Chandra Roy, brother-in-law Amulya Chandra and sister-inlaw Shabitri were also fined Taka 3,000 each or in default, to suffer two years more rigorous imprisonment.

According to prosecution, the accused beat Anjubala to death following a family feud at Donga village of Kishorganj thana on January 1, 1991.

The District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Amir Hossain after examining the records and witnesses delivered the judgement on August

Our correspondent from Maulvi Bazar adds: Mahammed Abdul Mannan, District and Session Judge, Habigonj has awarded 23 persons including 3 women to life imprisonment on charge of "Samsu Miah murder case" of Bantachong

The accused persons are

Matiur Rahman, Mukhles Miah, Maksud Miah, Jahir Miah, Mujibur Rahman, Abdus Saheed, Abdul Aziz, Abdullah, Abdul Hamid, Safaruddin, Abdul Aoal, Gethon, Sanor, Kataiullah, Mustafa Miah, Yousuf Miah, Azizul, Bablu, Giasuddin, Sundar Ali, Sajeda Begum, Sameja Khatun and Amena Khatun.

The case in brief that Samsu Miah of Rangahati village of Khagaura Union under Bantachong thana was killed on May 2, 1990 at his paddy field by the accused persons.

#### Meet on role of imams held

JHENIDAH, Aug 21: A dis-

cussion meeting has been held here on the role of imams in removing illiteracy from the society, reports UNB. Presided over by Maulana

Moshab Kaka, the meeting was also addressed by Md. Shahdul Islam, Maulana Ataur Rahman and Md. Abu Bakr.