

**District roundup**

**PABNA**

**Police nab 4 including women**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Aug 22 : Chatmohor thana police arrested four persons including three women recently.  
Acting on a tip, police arrested Abdul Aziz (28), Rasheda (20), China (21), and Aklima (19) engaging themselves in anti-social activities from Neela cinema hall.  
A case was registered at Chatmohor thana in this regard.  
Our Correspondent adds : A daring dacoity was committed at Kalikapur on Pubna-Ishurdi road recently.  
It is learnt that the dacoits in disguise of passenger, they attacked on the helper Ali Hossain and driver Abu Baker Siddique of Chapainawabganj bound BRTC night coach and took valuables worth Taka one lakh at gun-point.  
A case was registered with Ishurdi thana in this connection.

**FARIDPUR**

**BCL sweeps majority posts in union polls**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Aug 22 : Bangladesh Chhatra League (E-M) swept majority posts in Government Rajendra University College union polls held here recently.  
Ziaul Hassan Mithu, Animesh Roy and Abu Salah Mohammad Enamul Hassan Richard of BCL were elected VP, GS and AGS respectively.  
Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) bagged only one post. That is Irinec Nahar Pali, Asstt Secretary of Common Room.  
The other office-bearers are : Md. Fazlul Huq Sikdar Fazlu — Sports Secretary, Mahmuda Begum Runu — Drama Secretary, Chaina Roy Champa — Common Room Secretary, Shangkar Kumar — Cultural Secretary, Abu Naim Mahmud Hafizur Rahman Zehu — Journal Secretary, Nur-Alam Mia — Debate Secretary and Md. Mazdul Alam Rozen — Social Welfare Secretary.

**CHUADANGA**

**Father, son slaughtered to death**

Aug 22 : A gang of miscreants slaughtered two members of the same family in Doachara village in Chuadanga thana on August 18, reports UNB.  
The victims Raton Mondol (55) and his son Noorul Islam (23) were slaughtered when they were on their way to Boidanga hat to buy cows.  
The miscreants armed with sharp weapons attacked them and then cut their throats.  
The bodies were later recovered by police and sent to the morgue for autopsy.  
They hailed from Kutubpur village in Chuadanga.  
A case has been filed with the local police.  
Meanwhile, local people have brought out a procession protesting the gruesome killing and demanded exemplary punishment for the accused.  
The processionists also submitted a memorandum to the DC Wednesday.

**PATUAKHALI**

**One sentenced to five yrs RI for dacoity**

Aug 22 : One person has been sentenced to five years in jail and fined Taka 2,000 and in default, to suffer three more months of rigorous imprisonment, reports UNB.  
The sentence was passed by the District Session Judge Ashish Ranjan Das. The court acquitted eight other accused after examining necessary papers.  
According to the prosecution report, Sonab Ali along with his gang attacked the house of Awlad Hossain of village Khaispur in Bauphal thana on January 4, 1987.  
The dacoits after breaking the door looted goods worth Taka 95,000 that include cash 66,000 and a single barrel gun at gun point.  
They were armed with lethal weapons like ramsao and knives. They also injured the landlord while pressing him to pay the cash during the raid.  
Police later recovered the gun from Sonab Ali.

**SIRAJGANJ**

**Unmarried pregnant young woman commits suicide**

Aug 22 : An unmarried pregnant young woman committed suicide by setting herself afire in Kantonagar village in Kazipur thana last week, reports UNB.  
Shefali Khatun (18) took her life on the night of August 13 after spraying kerosene on her body.  
Villagers said Shefali committed suicide after Shahadat, her boy friend from the same locality, refused to marry her off.  
Shefali was seven months pregnant.  
On the following day in Belkuchi thana, another young woman was kidnapped, raped and later killed by local mastans in village Goperkhi, police said.  
The body of the victim, identified as Halima Khatun (19), was found the next day (August 15) hanging from a mango tree.  
Two separate cases were filed in Kazipur and Belkuchi.

**KISHOREGANJ**

**Villagers round up 4 inter-district cowlifters**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Aug 22 : Four members of an inter-district gang of cowlifters were caught red-handed by the villagers at Goolghata ferry ghat in Pakundia thana of the district recently.  
They are Mohammad Ali, Nur Islam, Fazlul Haque and Sohrabuddin.  
Five cows were also recovered from their possession. They were later handed over to the police. These cows were earlier stolen from the village Magura in Katiadi thana.  
A case was registered with Katiadi police station in this connection.

**BARGUNA**

**Girl allegedly raped**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Aug 22 : One Mamataz Begum (14) was allegedly raped by one Afzal Hossain, son of Karam Ali of Amtali recently.  
A case was registered with police in this regard. None has been arrested yet. The culprit has been creating pressure on the victim's family to withdraw the case.  
Another report adds : Md Enus Ali Khan and Md Edrisur Rahman were elected President and Secretary of the Barguna district Press Sramik Federation recently.  
Other executive members are : Khabir Uddin Ahmed Kabir, Masudur Rahman, Chitta Ranjan Roy, Shafiqul Islam Anis, Arun Kumar Sarkar, Golam Sarower and Shah Jamal.

**BRAHMANBARIA**

**Dev. Coordination Committee meet held**

Aug 22 : A meeting of the district development coordination committee was held here on August 15 with Deputy Commissioner Kabiruddin Ahmed in the chair, reports BSS.  
District level officers and Thana Nirbahi Officers attended the meeting.  
The meeting reviewed progress of development activities in different sectors including health, agriculture, family planning, education, rural water supply and sanitation.

**MANIKGANJ**

**Body of youngman recovered**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Aug 22 : The body of a youngman was recovered from Kalampur Govt. Primary School under Damray thana of the district recently.  
According to the reports, the victim Abdul Halim (20) went out of his house to meet a relative in the other village. But he did not come back to the house.  
On getting information, a police part went to the spot and sent the body to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for post-mortem.  
Another reports adds : A housewife committed suicide by taking poison at Tepra of Shibhalaya thana of the district recently.  
It is learnt that one Razia Begum (38), wife of Nuru Miah of village Tepra took poison to be relieved of family crisis.



BOGRA : The Jamuna river erosion-hit Shariakandi ferry ghat of the district.

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**Diarrhoea claims 25, attacks 1000 in Chandpur**

CHANDPUR, Aug 22 : Diarrhoea claimed 25 lives and attacked more than 1,000 others in four thanas of the district during the last one month, reports UNB.  
Official sources, however, confirmed 19 deaths during the period.  
According to officials, 11 people died in Kochua, four in Shahraati and two each in Sadar and Faridganj thana of the district. The dead and the affected are mostly children between six months and 10 years of age.  
The affected villages are Asrapur, Ayengiri, Bhuiyar Hat, Hasanpur of Kochua thana; Tamta, Khaneswar and Mehar villages of Shahraati thana; Barasundar, Shah Mohammadpur villages of Sadar thana and Sree Kaila and Hamesapur villages of Faridganj thana of the district.  
The local Civil Surgeon attributed the outbreak of the disease to consumption of adulterated food and taking of impure water.  
Several medical teams are working in the affected areas to combat the spread of disease, he added.  
Another UNB report says:

Chandpur Mahila College is plagued with manifold problems including shortage of teachers and other staff members for a long time hampering education adversely.  
College sources said Geography department has no teachers at all since December '91 and Social Welfare department is running without teachers since March '92 while the only teacher of Biology department has been transferred elsewhere recently.  
The college has no librarian and no demonstrator for the science students while there is no accountant since its inception, the sources added.  
Established in 1964 the only girls college of the district was nationalised in 1984 in order to promote female education. The college is yet to introduce I Com, B Com and B Sc courses.  
Local leaders and guardians urged the authorities to look into the matter and take immediate steps for the smooth functioning of the college.  
Our Correspondent adds: The Chandpur modernised hospital is beset with number of problems including shortage

of consultants, doctors, nurses, staff, medicine, bed, food and other medical equipments.  
The hospital has only fifty beds which is quite inadequate to meet the needs of about twenty lakh people of the district. The patients are compelled to stay on the floor of the hospital. Sometimes patients are admitted four times more of the capacity. The post of consultants of medicine and surgery have been vacant. The hospital has no guards and sweepers. The number of M.L.S are very inadequate. The medicine supply to the patient are quite insufficient.  
The ambulance of the hospital is out of order for three years. The dental section of the hospital is without necessary instruments. Many essential instruments are out of order for a long time. The food supply to the patients are of low quality. The visiting hours are not maintained properly. As a result, outsiders enter the hospital off and on. So, the patients feel disturbance. The operation theatre is not well equipped. It is accommodated in a small and pitiable room. The sanitation of the hospital are not properly maintained.

**42,000 acres of land under cotton farming**

MAGURA, Aug 22 : A massive scheme has been taken up to bring 42,000 acres of land under cotton cultivation in four northern districts during this season, reports UNB.  
According to Bangladesh Cotton Development Board the fine quality cotton including Deltapine-92 will be cultivated in 30 units of Magura, Jessore, Jhenidai and Sathkira districts.  
Cotton officials are engaged in motivating the growers for the production of crop in the districts. Meanwhile, a number of demonstration plots have been set up to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation.  
The board also has arranged to disburse loans to enable the growers to purchase fertilizers, pesticides and other necessary inputs for the successful implementation of

the scheme.  
With the implementation of the scheme it is expected that a total of 4.20 lakh maunds of cotton worth about Taka 32 crore will be produced in the districts.  
Our Rajbari Correspondent adds: The sadar thana parishad has sanctioned Taka 40,29,831 for the implementation of nine major development schemes under the annual development programme during the current season.  
The sector-wise allocation of the fund is: Taka 22,29,576 have been allocated for the development of transport and communication, Taka 11,73,943 for the education sector, Taka 1,42,682 for house-building, Taka 82,000 for health and social welfare, Taka 20,000 for culture, games, and sports, Taka 9,28,272 for agriculture and irrigation, Taka 3,53,358 for maintenance and Taka 50,000 for miscellaneous sector.  
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RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY : Prof. M. Anisur Rahman, VC and Prof. Mohammad Azharuddin, Pro-VC of Rajshahi University planting tree at university BNCC premises recently.

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**Drug addiction on rise**

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 22 : Drug addiction is on the rise in the town and adjoining areas morally degrading the young people and vitiating the peaceful atmosphere.  
Town-dwellers complained that ganja and liquor are being openly sold in the town and adjoining areas with impunity.  
Besides the school and college-going students, drug users include rickshawpullers, bus, truck and minibus drivers and unemployed persons.  
The residents alleged that the addicted persons and others connected with trading, smuggling and storing of drugs have been doing their business under the very nose of the law enforcing agencies.  
At sundown drug addicts are seen assembling near different medicine shops which sell intoxicant freely.  
According to a recent private survey here, anti-social activities have registered a sharp rise in the areas following increase in drug addiction. Looting, hijacking, thefts and robberies and prostitution have increased causing concern among the local people. Gambles are also rampant in the public places. Some organised gangs of miscreants in collaboration with some youths

have been committing crimes and anti-social activities.  
Women can hardly move out after sunset for fear of being attacked by the hijackers.  
It is alleged that the situation worsened further due to indifference of the law enforcing agencies.  
Criminals can not be arrested and crimes not reported due to the intervention of a section of local influential people, police said.  
Our Correspondent adds : Most of the Pathological, X-ray and private clinics in the district town have been working without any approval of the government.  
It is informed that at least 10 Pathological, X-ray and private clinics have been working in the town without any valid documents.  
The clinics were allegedly charging much money from the patients. The service quality of the clinics was also said to be low standard. Some of them have no qualified doctors at all.  
The clinics often give faulty diagnosis causing much sufferings to the patients.  
Local leaders urged the authorities to take necessary steps in this regard.

**Fish fry firm inaugurated in Pabna**

PABNA, Aug 22 : Fisheries and Live-stocks Secretary AZM Nasir Uddin formally inaugurated the Sathia fish fry production firm built at a cost of Taka one crore with the financial assistance of Pabna Water Development Board recently, a PID handout said, reports BSS.  
Earlier, the secretary released 15 thousands of fish fries in the Ichhamati irrigation canal.  
There are ten ponds under the firm. All fish fries produced from the firm will be released in the irrigation canal of Pabna Irrigation and Rural Development Project.

**Seminar of CPE implementation held**

DINAJPUR, Aug 22 : A seminar on implementation of Compulsory Primary Education was held here at the local town hall on August 19, reports UNB.  
Education Minister Jamrudin Sircar attended the seminar as chief guest.  
The Minister called upon the teachers to try to free the educational institutes from terrorism and asked all to cooperate and work to reach the target.  
The Deputy Commissioner MA Kuddus presided the seminar.  
Local MP Jahan Huq was present as special guest.

**Sale of bidis sans bandrolls unabated**

BARGUNA, Aug 22 : Bidis without bandrolls are being sold in rural hats and bazars of the district depriving the government of considerable amount of revenue, reports UNB.  
Official sources said under the existing law Taka 35 is to be paid as excise duty for every one hundred packets of bidi with bandrolls. But used bandrolls collected from retailers are being stocked to evade the excise duty.  
Actual figures of production are also kept secret by the bidi factory owners to hoodwink the tax officials, they said.  
It is alleged that concerned officials remain indifferent to this malpractice for reasons best known to them.  
Meanwhile, smoking of bidi is increasing day by day following the price hike of different low brand cigarettes in the district.

**BSF arrested 3 Bangladeshi nationals**

SHERPUR, Aug 22 : Indian Border Security Forces held three Bangladeshi nationals from the frontier Jhenaidhat thana of the district during the last week, reports UNB.  
Local people said Fazlul Haque (25) son of Suruz Ali of Ramerkura village, Abdullah (35) son of Matur Rahman and Abul Kashem (30) son of Ahmed Ali of Haldigram village were picked up when they were collecting firewoods at Gorokuna and Haldigram forest zones, near the no-man's land.  
When contacted Jamalpur BDR office confirmed the arrest of Abdullah and Kashem by BSF on August 11, but they could not say anything about Fazlul Haq.

**Betel-leaf farming in setback**

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Aug 22 : The betel leaf cultivation in Chuadanga district is hampering greatly for want of capital.  
It is learnt that about 1000 families of Chuadanga district are mainly dependent on betel leaf cultivation. About 10,000 acres of land are cultivable now in Chuadanga district.  
Most of the betel leaf cultivators of the district are poor. The price of betel leaf have also gone down abnormally for the last two years as a result in some times production costs are also not returning for which the growers have been spending their capital in the meeting of their family expenses.  
At present they need money and can not cultivate their land.  
The poor growers of betel leaf of the district urge upon the concern authority for sanctioning loans on easy terms immediately for growing betel leaf in their land.  
Another report adds : Female education is being seriously hampered in Chuadanga district town due to the absence of hostel facilities for the girl students.  
It may be mentioned here that Chuadanga is a district headquarter of the country comprising of four thanas. The

district town which has three colleges including one girls college. The two others are one govt college and one non-government college where there are arrangements for co-education. There are two girls school of which one is government and another is non-government. There are about 1000 students in the government girls high school and about 1000 students in the non-government girls high school. But it may be noted here that there is no any hostel for the girl students of all those girls college and girls schools.  
Being a district headquarter the guardians send their daughters to the town for higher and better education in these institutions but they are deprived of higher education for want of accommodation and absence of hostel facilities.  
Besides these, most of the guardians arrange accommodation for daughters in their relation's houses.  
Guardians and people of the areas urged upon the concern authorities to construct three hostels for the girls students of local girls college, govt. girls high school for the greater interest of the female education of Chuadanga district.

**Jaundice spreading in Maulvibazar rapidly**

From Our Correspondent

MAULVI BAZAR, Aug 22 : Jaundice is spreading alarmingly in all the six thanas of the district.  
In the district town and adjacent areas the disease has taken a serious turn and members of almost all the families have been attacked by the disease.  
According to local doctors, primary symptom of the disease was the yellowing of the urine, the eyes and sometimes the whole body. The patient of jaundice would initially have temperature and headache and a start feeling weak with vomiting tendency.  
A doctor told this correspondent, there is no need of any medicine for the jaundice. But the patient will have normal food and drink boiled water and have complete physical rest. It is fatal if not timely

treated, the doctor added.  
The patients suffering from jaundice are pouring to the chamber of doctors. The doctor did not prescribe any medicine but series of advice.  
The disappointed patients then taken shelter at the rural 'Kaviraj' (Physician of herbal medicine) for herbal treatment.  
It is observed that people of all stage even educated people have full faith on the herbal treatment of jaundice.  
Take this opportunity, the kavirajs earned huge money. A kaviraj said, he received Taka 201 per patient for jaundice treatment.  
Patients told this correspondent that the herbal treatment of jaundice is very fruitful hundreds of patients cured by this treatment, they added.

**Miscreants kill 3 persons in Sirajganj**

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 22 : Unknown miscreants killed three people in separate incidents in three villages of different thanas during the last week, police said, reports UNB.  
In village Chunathati of Sadar thana, one person was killed by sharp weapons on August 18.  
The body, identified as Buddha (20), an alleged cattle thief of the locality, was later recovered from a jute field.  
In another incident one person was beaten to death by unruly mob in Shahadpur hat on suspicion of theft.  
The victim, identified as Hutubuddin (30), was killed on August 14 for alleged stealing.  
During the same period another was killed by dacoits in Khamer Paikosa in Sadar thana.  
Raisuddin (20), a vendor of chick-pea was attacked and killed by unknown assassins when he was returning from Dukuria hat.  
UNB report adds: Dacoits

stabbed three people and looted pineapple worth about Taka 40,000 from a boat on the river Jamuna near Chotibari village on Friday.  
According to witnesses, a Sirajganj bound engine boat carrying pineapple and nine passengers from Modhupur ghat of Tangail district when reached near Chotibari was attacked by the armed dacoits boarding in another engine boat.  
When resisted they stabbed Gazi (27), Karim (28) and Rahiz (35) grievously and threw Hasu and Nabi, all from Tangail, into the river.  
Local people said at least 50 river dacoities were committed recently near Jagannathganj ghat, Sharihabari and Belkuchi areas in which the dacoits looted lakhs of Taka and injured at least a hundred boat passengers.  
Shahidul Islam, already in the wanted-list of police, has several criminal cases against him.