

District roundup

MYMENSINGH

Hashis worth Tk 5 lakh recovered

From Our Correspondent Aug 28: Mymensingh Narcotic and Liquor Department recovered 14 kilogram of Hashis and 326 Hashis plants worth about Taka five lakh from village Churkhy under Katwali thana area recently.

CHITTAGONG

Tributes to educationist

Aug 28: Speakers at a memorial meeting here recently paid tributes to late Abdur Rahman, an eminent educationist and writers, reports BSS. The meeting held at Zila Prishad Hall with Principal Shabayet Ahmad Khan in the chair and under the auspices of Abdur Rahman Smriti Parishad was attended by eminent Economist Dr Muhammad Yunus as chief guest and Siddiqui Rahman, a writer as special guest.

RAJBARI

Call to spread ideals of President Zia

Aug 28: State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum Wednesday urged the BNP leaders and workers for spreading the ideals of Saheed President Ziaur Rahman to every nook and corner of the country, reports BSS. She was addressing a series of meetings here which were also addressed by Vice-President and General Secretary of Rajbari district BNP A T M Abdur Razzak and Rokonuddin Chowdhury respectively.

KISHOREGANJ

Young girl violated

From Our Correspondent Aug 28: One Kushnagar (22) daughter of late Abdul Wahab Bhuiyan of village Joyka in Karimganj thana of the district was allegedly violated by four persons on the night of August 17 last. Upon an ehar lodged by the victim with Kishoreganj Police Station it was revealed that Alfazuddin, a youngman of the same village tried to develop illicit relationship with her, but in vain. At this, Alfazuddin got infuriated. In the afternoon of the day of incident, victim Kushnagar was coming to Kishoreganj town for visiting one of her relatives house by a rickshaw. When her rickshaw reached near Paochim Boulabazar in Kishoreganj Sadar thana, Alfazuddin alongwith three other accomplices halted the rickshaw and took her forcefully to a nearby house where she was confined. In the midnight, the offenders carried her off to an open field near Jashodial bazar and four persons violated the modesty of Kushnagar one after another.

JHENIDAH

Attack on Menon condemned

From Our Correspondent Aug 28: Sharbadalya Oikkya Jote organised a meeting here protesting the killing attempt by shooting on Rashed Khan Menon, Workers Party leader and MP at Dhaka recently held at local Agrani Bank Square. The meeting was addressed among others by local leaders Abdus Salam, Mattiar Rahman, Golam Sarwar, Advocate Azizur Rahman Master, Anwar Hossain Zahidunnabi, Kala Monwarul Hoq, Lal Jiban Kumar Biswas and Nasirul Islam in which Israil Hossain Monoz presided. Criticising the govt bitterly, the speakers demanded the exemplary punishment to persons involved in killing attempt. After the meeting, a large procession was brought out at the town which paraded the main roads.

CHANDPUR

Massive tree plantation programme

Aug 28: The district administration has taken up a massive programme to plant ten lakhs of saplings of different varieties of trees in the current season, reports BSS. A Tree Plantation Campaign Committee headed by Deputy Commissioner, Md Yakub Ali has been formed to monitor the progress of tree plantation. Forest Department nurseries have been supplying saplings to the people. Leaflets have been circulated by the district tree plantation campaign committee to motivate the masses.

SATKHIRA

Minor boy killed in road mishap

Aug 28: A minor boy was killed and 35 people were injured in separate incidents in Sadar thana on Monday, reports UNB. Witnesses said Shaheen (6) of Palaspole area was run over by a speeding minibus on Satkhira-Khulna Road when he was crossing the road at Palaspole on Monday afternoon. In another incident, 35 people were injured when a Kaliganj bound minibus turned turtle at Gazirhat on Satkhira-Kaliganj Road on the same day. Seriously injured Anwar, Pakhi, Sukur, Fazar, Binod, Amjad, Hanif, Islam Ali, Ayub Ali, Bjon Behari and Enamul were admitted to Satkhira Hospital.

THAKURGAON

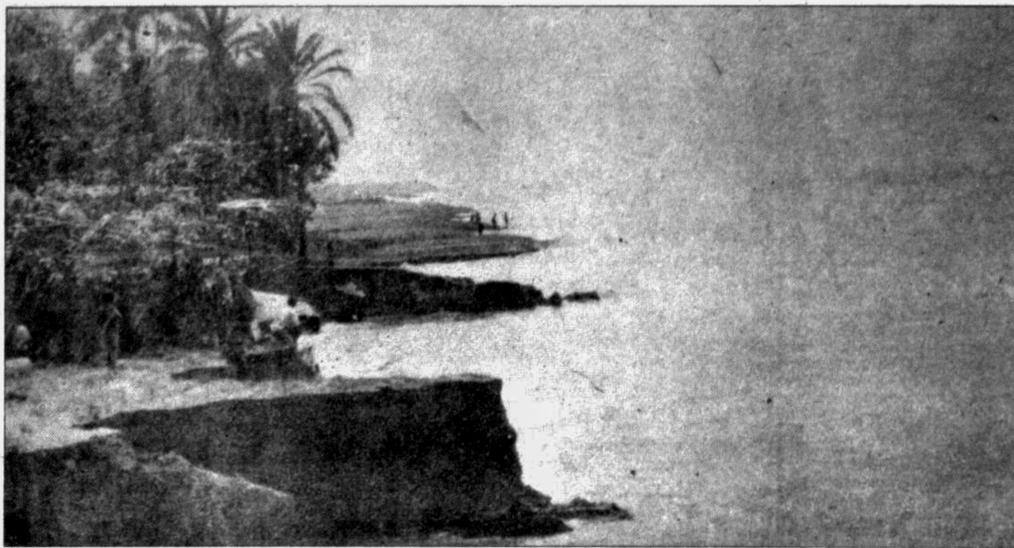
Directive to complete test relief projects on schedule

Aug 28: Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz Tuesday directed the district administration to complete test relief programmes on schedule, reports BSS. He was presiding over the District Test Relief Coordination Committee meeting here. He said, as the government believed in balanced development of all parts of the country, it had undertaken small scale development project across the country.

RANGPUR

Police nab 447 on various charges

Aug 28: Police arrested 447 people from different places of the district on various charges last fortnight under the Operation August drive, reports UNB. The arrested included mastans, toll extortionists and hijackers. Of them, 133 had arrest warrants against them. During the drive police also recovered one rifle, one bicycle and an electric motor looted by dacoits. Rangpur Pourashava has taken up implementation of town development projects at a total cost of Taka 25 crore.



MANIKGANJ: The erosion of river Padma hit Gowribordia village under Horirampur thana of the district.

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Erosion of rivers Padma, Jamuna 30,300 homeless in 2 dists during three months

MANIKGANJ, Aug 28: Continued erosion by the rivers Padma and Jamuna has affected at least 30 villages of the district during the last three months, reports UNB. According to official sources, about 30,000 families in three thanas — Shibalay, Harirampur and Daulatpur — have abandoned their houses and moved to safer places during the period. A large number of people have already taken shelter in the nearby flood control embankment. Most of the affected people are farmers and passing their days in subhuman conditions in the absence of government assistance. Local people informed that river piracies here are on rise in the recent days creating alarm among the passengers and vessel owners. A report from Pabna adds:

The affected people have urged the authorities to take immediate schemes for their early rehabilitation. Armed pirates swooped on a mechanised boat in the river Padma near Harirampur thana Wednesday morning and looted valuables worth about Taka 70,000 from the passengers. Witnesses said a gang of dacoits numbering 10 to 12 attacked the Harirampur bound boat coming from Daulatdia Ghat. They beat the passengers indiscriminately and decamped with the booty. A case has been filed with the police. The 10 affected villages are Bhojganj, Nakalia, Roghunathpur, Gunpatodia, Tanpura, Modhupur, Bengalia and Sharashi in Bera thana and Nazirganj and Shakhanagar of Sujana-gar thana.

4500 public call offices to be set up

PATUAKHALI, Aug 28: Minister for Post and Telecommunications Muhammad Keramat Ali said 4500 public call offices would be set up in the country in phases to realise the dream of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, reports BSS. Speaking at a public meeting at Pangashia Madrasa premises in the district following the inauguration of a public call office there, Ali said the present democratic government had put in their best efforts to improve the lot of the common people. He urged the people for their united efforts to make education had afforestation programme a success. An earlier report adds: Minister for Post and

Telecommunications, Muhammad Keramat Ali has said the present democratic government was trying relentlessly to uplift the socio-economic condition of the people. The Minister said, social peace, discipline and stability was the pre-requisite for overall national development. The present government determined to ensure the cherished goal of national progress by alleviating the sufferings of the toiling masses. He said, those vested quarters who were engaged themselves in disrupting the peace and discipline of the country by raising irrelevant issues would be rejected by the people as earlier.



JAMALPUR: Advocate Anwar Jahid addressing a seminar on population control at Lahirikanda High School auditorium under Jamalpur Sadar thana recently.

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Govt blamed for attempt on life of Rashed Khan Menon

BARISAL, Aug 28: Five-Party Alliance leaders on Thursday said the government cannot deny the responsibility of the assassination attempt on Menon and demanded that the Home Minister be sacked immediately, reports UNB. Attempt on the life of Rashed Khan Menon, MP, can never be possible without administrative and political support, said alliance Convener Nirmal Sen while addressing a rally at the Bibir Pukurpar on the Hemayetuddin Road here. He said without administrative and political support, it was not possible for the miscreants to go to Capital Dhaka from Babaganj and Jitpur in the district and attack the Workers Party leader in front of his party office. Criticising Abdul Matin Chowdhury's recent remarks on the killing of CPB leader Ratan Sen that it was not the act of Jamaat-Shibir, he said the Home Minister should be sacked. "Otherwise, there will be no justice in the country." "We don't believe in terrorism, we oppose terrorism," he said adding the present government had failed to implement the declaration of three alliances and also to run the country. Referring to Golam Azam's citizenship issue, he said Golam Azam cannot be citizen of Bangladesh since he is the citizen of Pakistan. The Five-Party Alliance is dead against any bid for giving citizenship to the Jamaat leader, he said. Addressing the rally, Tipu

Biswas called for banning the politics of Juba Command and Jamaat-Shibir for their alleged involvement in terrorist activities. He said the government cannot escape the responsibility of the attempt to murder his party General Secretary, Menon. Presided over by district Workers Party General Secretary Prof Abdus Sattar, the rally was also addressed by local leaders Abul Kalam Azad Babu, Mujibur Rahman Advocate, Ashish Baron Karmaker, Prof Nazrul Haq Nilu and Sudhir Sen. Charbadna Rice Research Institute of Barisal has so far invented 24 types of high yielding varieties of paddy.

Section 144 clamped Rival groups clash leaves 50 injured in Kaliganj

JHENIDAH, Aug 28: Section 144 was imposed in Kaliganj town Thursday following clashes between rival groups of people that left 50 injured, three of them seriously, reports UNB. The clashes, which erupted from a brawl between the people from Arpara and Paikpara areas under Kaliganj Pourashava over a football match Wednesday, ran through the night until quelled by police action at about 10 next morning. According to eyewitness reports, both groups fought with lethal weapons and engaged in hit and break carnival damaging at least eight vehicles and several shops. Police fired eight rounds of tear-gas shells to bring the situation under control. Five policemen also received minor injuries during the clash. The three seriously injured people were hospitalised at Kaliganj Health Complex and the general hospital in Jessore. The incident interrupted all traffic movement on the busy Jhenidah-Jessore Road for several hours Wednesday night and Thursday morning. The Deputy Commissioner and Superintendent of Police visited the place. BSS adds: A discussion meeting on the role of imams in removing illiteracy from the society was held at the Islamic Foundation Auditorium here recently. The meeting was jointly organised by Bangladesh Islamic Foundation Jhenidah district branch and Jhenidah sadar thana unit of Imam Association. Presided over by Maulana Moshab Kaka, the meeting was addressed by Prof Aminur Rahman, Md Shahidul Islam, Maulana Ataur Rahman and Md Abu Bakr.

Police seize contraband goods, arrest 100

MAGURA, Aug 28: Police seized contraband goods worth Taka two lakh from two Dhaka bound night coaches at Magura bus stand recently, reports UNB. The recovered goods included 600 bottles of phenyl-dil, 250 metres printed polythene, 60 pieces of machinery parts, 11 bundles of cotton and 250 packets of blades. The goods were all made in India. Acting on a tip, a team of policemen led by Abul Matin, OC of Magura police raided the two coaches and seized the banned goods. A case has been filed with the local police. None has been arrested yet. Police arrested 100 people on various charges and recovered a huge haul of arms and ammunition from four thanas in the district during the first fortnight of August. Police as a part of a countywide special drive to re-

cover illegal arms, recovered four pipe guns, one gun, one shutter gun, one pistol, one chuger and 32 rounds of ammunition of different arms during the same period.

Cultural contest A three-day cultural competition for the children was held in the district under the auspices of Islamic Foundation recently.

A total of 300 students of different schools and madrasahs in four thanas participated in the competition. District Primary Education Officer Fajlul Karim distributed prizes among the winners at a simple function.

It was presided over by Lokman Hossain, Deputy Director of district unit Islamic Foundation. Hamd, math, kerat, recitation, ajan and speech presentation was the main topics of the competition.

13 unnatural deaths in Pabna during last week

PABNA, Aug 28: At least 13 unnatural deaths were reported in the district during last week, police said, reports UNB. Five of those were cases of suicide. In village Chalpathali in Chatmohar thana, Maiful Bewa (35), committed suicide alongwith her son Saiful Islam (11) Wednesday following a family quarrel. Maiful was the wife of Abu Sayeed. In Hamichapur village, Azeda Khatun (30) wife of Ayubali poisoned herself to death on Wednesday while in village Darva Danyga on the same day Rubal Khatun (28) wife of Sawkat Ali hanged herself to get rid of a painful disease, family sources said. Last Tuesday, Helena Khatun (25), wife of Nayeab Ali, also committed suicide by taking poison. The reason could not be ascertained. Another housewife, Bulbuli (18), also committed suicide on the same day reportedly for not being able to bring the dowry. She was the wife of Abdul Mannan. Nuhu Biswas, an old man of 55, died of snake bite in Hamichapur village last Friday.

Nagarbari highways during the week, three people were killed. Dulal (24) of Shahapur was killed last Sunday while Arman (8) of Raghunathpur and Shahidur Rahman (30) of Madhupur village on Wednesday.

Union Parishad chairmen of the district discussed the overall situation in their areas and formed an association at a meeting held here Tuesday. Abdul Latif Biswas Chairman of Salimpur Union Presided over the meeting.

Barbaric

COMILLA, Aug 28: Dacoits trampled to death a 3-day old baby to force the mother to hand over her ornament and cash to them at the Lakkhipur village of Daudkandi thana Sunday last, reports UNB. A gang of about 15 or 20 armed dacoits entered the house of Shah Alam by blasting cocktails and assaulted the women in the evening when the men had been busy in the local market. They decamped with looted cash and ornament worth about Taka 35,000. The same night, another dacoity was committed in the house of Hemanta Das of village Rampur in Muradnagar thana. In this incident, 10 to 15 armed dacoits entered the house by blasting bombs. The dacoits assaulted the inmates, looted cash and ornaments worth about Taka 30,000. Two cases were filed with the police.

Mother, baby die from wall collapse

SATKHIRA, Aug 28: A mother and her baby died in mud wall collapse at Artula of Assasuni thana of the district on Monday, reports UNB. Villagers said, Hosneara (22) and her six-month old daughter died on the spot when the mud wall of their house collapsed suddenly on them. Another report adds: A teenaged girl Shelly (18) was injured when a gang of miscreants hurled crackers on her at her house in the town Monday. Family sources said, the miscreants used to tease her whenever she came out from her house. When she protested the miscreants they threatened her to take revenge. On the fateful day the miscreants attacked the house of the girl and injured her seriously. A case has been filed with the police. A housewife was killed Tuesday when a speeding bus hit her from behind at village Manya in Kaliganj thana of the district. According to witnesses, Tara Bibi (50) wife of Arshad Ali of the same village while crossing the road the Kaliganj bound bus dashed her. She died on the spot. Police seized the bus and sent the body to local hospital for post mortem. A case has been filed in this connection.

Notes from Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent JAMALPUR, Aug 28: A seminar on wheat cultivation was held here at Regional Agricultural Research Institution auditorium under joint auspices of Bangladesh Wheat Research Centre and Agriculture Extension Department recently. Md Fazlul Haq, Additional Director, Agriculture Extension Department of Mymensingh presided over the seminar.

School girl commits suicide One school girl, Renuka Begum (14), allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself at Aramagar bazar recently. The cause of the suicide could not be known immediately.

Another Abdul Aziz (22) of village Mahdan under Sarishabari thana committed suicide by hanging himself with a tree recently.

Police recover beheaded body Police recovered a beheaded body of Md Wazed Ali (20) from sugarcane field of village Malamganj under Dewanganj thana recently. Police arrested two persons in this regard. They are Anwar Hossain and Selina Begum. A case was filed with police in this connection.

Course on UP office maintenance A three-day-long training programme on union parishad office maintenance was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner here recently.

A total of 60 union parishad chairmen took part in the training course. The Acting Deputy Commissioner AKM Wahedul Islam inaugurated the course and distributed certificates among the participants.

Two cowlifters held Two cow-lifters were arrested by Village Defence Party (VDP) at village Basuranga under Nakhla thana with three cows recently.

The cow-lifters identified as Kuddi and Abul. Later, they were handed to the police.

New union parishad formed The government has established a new union parishad comprising eleven village under Melandah thana of the district recently.

According to an official source, the newly constituted union parishad has been named as Shampur Union Parishad.

Ganja recovered: 2 held Dewanganj thana police recently arrested two persons with two kg of ganja from Vitakandi village of the district.

The arrested persons are: Ranju and Anwar Ali. Another report adds: One minor boy Pappu, son of Babul Miah of village Hamidpur under Jamalpur Sadar thana was drowned in a pond recently.

Principal awarded reception The newly joined Principal Pangkaj Kanti Palit was given reception by the Teachers Staff Council of Melandah Govt College here at the college auditorium recently.

BC Debanath, TNO of Melandah thana attended in the function as chief guest. Zahurul Haque, President of the Teacher Staff Council presided over the reception. The function was addressed among others by Professors Moazzem Hossain, Shamsul Haque, Nurul Islam, Santosh Kumar Chowdhury, Daily Star Correspondent Maherullah and student leader Alamgir Mo-hammad.