

District roundup

NETRAKONA
Three killed in road mishap
From Our Correspondent
Aug 29: At least three people were killed and 20 injured in a road accident early Thursday last at village Gastola, about 30 miles off from here on Purbadhala-Mymensingh highway.

Eyewitnesses said, the accident occurred when a Purbadhala bound passenger bus from Mymensingh skidded off the road and fell into a roadside crop field.
Three of the passengers including two minor boys, died on the spot. Their identity could not be ascertained immediately. The injured were sent to Fulpur and Mymensingh hospitals. The driver and helpers of the vehicle fled the scene. Police seized the bus.

BARISAL
24 types HYV paddy invented
Aug 29: Charbadna Rice Research Institute of Barisal has so far invented 24 types of High Yielding Varieties of paddy, the chief scientific officer of the institute said, reports BSS.

The Rice Research Institute of Barisal was established in an area of about 80 acres of land and is being run under the supervision of Joydevpur Research Institute, Dhaka.
Bangladesh Agriculture Extension Department has been distributing these types of paddy-seeds among the farmers of the southern districts, an official source said.

SIRAJGANJ
Three held with heroin, ganja
Aug 29: Three people were arrested with a half gram of heroin and 107 grams of ganja from the town recently, reports UNB.

Acting on tips, narcotics officials arrested Abul Kalam and Sohrab Ali of Fazlul Haque Road and Kamalpath of railway ghat of the town with the drug.
They were engaged in selling of heroin and ganja for a long time.
They were sent to sadar thana court.

CHITTAGONG
Historical studies centre to be set up
Aug 29: A meeting of the Department of History, University of Chittagong, unanimously decided to set up a centre for historical studies in the university, reports BSS.

According to a press release of the department, the centre aims at promoting the culture and research on history.
Presided over by the department Chairman Dr. Abdus Sayed, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Dr. Abdul Karim, the first chairman of the department and former Vice-Chancellor and Prof. Alamgir Mohammad Serajuddin, another former vice chancellor.

RAJBARI
Workers, employees of PDB observe work stoppage
Aug 29: Workers and employees of the district Public Works Department observed work stoppage Tuesday protesting the manhandling of one of its officials by a mastan, reports UNB.

PWB Workers and Employees' Sangram Parishad sources said an unruly youth assaulted Nuruzzaman, SAE at his office room on Monday afternoon and threatened to kill his family members. They also said the accomplices of the mastan have been threatening the employees of the department for the last few days.
The Sangram Parishad submitted a memorandum to the SP and DC of the district demanding proper action against the mastans. A mobile court realised Taka 2,500 as fine and fine from train passengers travelling without ticket in the last two days, reports UNB.

They also detected illegal sale of tickets at different stations in the district. Train tickets were being sold at prices 2 to 3 times higher than the normal tariff.
The operation was conducted by Superintendent of Bangladesh Railway, West, Sultana Ahmed Talukder and assisted by Divisional Transportation Officer Kazi Nurul Kabir.

JESSORE
10 sets of VCP recovered: People gherao BDR camp
Aug 29: More than 200 people Thursday last gheraoed the BDR camp at Jhumjum following a man with 10 sets of Video Cassette Player (VCP) was lifted from RN Road and detained in the camp, reports UNB.

Witnesses said agitated traders from the town demanded release of Intazur Rahman and the VCP, suspected to be smuggled out of the border.
BDR men arrested three more persons from the spot — Shahidul Haq, Azizul Haq and Shamsul Alam. They were all beaten and finally handed over to police. The VCPs were deposited with the customs.

Police later set free all the arrested persons and tension was mounting in the town.
The business community was scheduled to meet Friday at the Jessore Chamber of Commerce and Industry to protest harassment of traders.

MYMENSINGH
Programmes taken up to celebrate Siratunnabi
Aug 29: Islamic Foundation, Mymensingh branch in cooperation with the district administration, zila parishad, pourashava and other organisations has taken up an elaborate programme to celebrate the holy Siratunnabi with due solemnity, reports BSS.

A five-day programme will begin on September 10 at the premises of local Town Hall. The Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agriculture University Dr. Ashraf Ali Khan will inaugurate the programme.
A Siratunnabi Celebration Committee has been formed with Deputy Commissioner A F M Matlur Rahman and Deputy Director, Islamic Foundation, Mymensingh Nazamoddowla as President and Secretary respectively.
The programme includes discussion meetings, milad mahfil, literary competition and recitation.

RANGPUR
Police recover body
Aug 29: Police recovered a body from village Salamar Char in Gongachara thana Thursday, reports UNB.

The body was identified as Delwar Hossain (24) who had been missing for six days.
The victim's father Mohiuddin filed a case with the local police against two people of the same village on charge of murdering his son.
The accused Joyal Abedin and his cousin Rafiqul confessed that they strangled Delwar to death and later dumped the corpse.
The body was later exhumed and sent for autopsy.

FARIDPUR
Anniversary of Tamijuddin Khan's death observed
Aug 29: The 29th death anniversary of the great exponent of democracy and eminent politician Moulvi Tamijuddin Khan was observed here with due solemnity on Aug 19, reports UNB.

An elaborate programme including discussion meeting, milad mahfil, special prayers was chalked out to mark the day.
A discussion meeting on the life and contribution of the late leader was held at the local Islamic Foundation auditorium.
The discussion meeting jointly organised by Faridpur Muslim Mission, Islamic Foundation and Moulvi Tamijuddin Khan Smriti Sangsad was chaired by Advocate Sarwar Jan Mia, President of the Smriti Sangsad.
It was addressed, among others, by Prof. M A Samad, Abdullah Khan Alam, Prof. A B M Sattar, Laqat Hossain and Munshi Harun.
Faridpur Muslim Mission organised the milad-mahfil and special prayers at its premises.

BOGRA
Book fair concludes
Aug 29: A 10-day book fair began at the Woodburn Public Library premises here Wednesday, reports UNB.
Organised by Bangladesh Pustak Prakashak and Bkreta Samity, the inaugural function was presided over by litterateur K M Shamsher Ali.
Eighteen leading publishers and book sellers are taking part in the exhibition.
A large number of enthusiastic people are visiting the fair everyday.



AGRI-VARSITY: The Vice-Chancellor of BAU and President of BAUCSU Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan congratulating the newly elected Vice-President of BAUCSU Saiduzzaman Kamal and its General Secretary Shahadat Hossain Chanchal on their formally assuming the office of BAUCSU on August 24.

**Attack on RMC teacher condemned
Leaders express grave concern over law, order situation**

RAJSHAHI, Aug 29: Five Opposition leaders Friday expressed grave concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in Rajshahi and demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the attackers of Dr Habibur Rahman, an Associated Professor of Medicine of Rajshahi Medical College, reports BSS.

The leaders in a joint statement also condemned the attack by miscreants and urged the concerned authorities to take appropriate action so that terrorism could be stopped. They also urged the authorities to solve the problems being faced by the doctors of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.
The signatories to the statement were Md Moniruzzaman, President, Rajshahi City Awami League, Md Enamul Haq, General Secretary, CPB, Ferdous Kamal Masum, Secretary, Workers Party, Masum Ahmed Tipu, President JSD and Asit Sen, Vice-President NAP.

A report from Tangail says: Fifteen political parties held a public meeting at Bindubashini High School playground here where Advocate Md Tofazzal Hossain Mukul, President Tangail District Awami League presided over the meeting.
The speakers expressed deep concern over the deteriorating law and order situation prevailing in the country. They condemned the attack on the life of Rashed Khan Menon MP.
Among others Abdul Mannan and Abdul Razaque MP of Awami League, Shahjahan Siraj of JSD, Abdullah Sarker of BSD, Btmal Biswas and Hazera Sultana of Workers Party and Murshed Ali of Communist Party of Bangladesh addressed the meeting.

Another report from Faridpur adds: The overall law and order situation of the district was reviewed in the monthly meeting here Tuesday.
Expressing satisfaction over the present law and order situation, the meeting suggested some measures to curb crime in the district.
Chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, the meeting was held at his conference room. It was attended by the members of the committee including Additional District Magistrate K M Abul Hasan and SP in-charge M A Bashar.

They urged the people to extend sincere cooperation in arresting the anti-social elements.

Hepatitis claims 5, attacks 100 in Pabna

PABNA, Aug 28: Acute hepatitis claimed at least five lives including a woman and attacked over 100 others during last two weeks in the district, hospital sources said, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Md. Alibuddin (14) of Madhurpur village, Md. Afjal Hossain (25) of Madargachi village, Hazera Khatun (22) of Gaynakandi village of Pabna Sadar thana, Md. Akhtaruddin (28) of Raghunathpur of Bera thana and Abul Kashem Molla (45) of Daripara village of Faridpur thana.
Md. Motiur Rahman, Civil Surgeon of Pabna, told UNB that the disease had not turned into an epidemic. Two medical teams had been sent to the affected areas to control further spread of jaundice.

UN urged to stop killing of Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina

CHITTAGONG, Aug 29: Speakers at a discussion here on Thursday called upon the United Nations to take effective and immediate step to stop killing of Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina and ensure territorial integrity, independence and sovereignty of the newly independent country, reports BSS.
They also urged the Muslim countries to forge greater unity in political, economic, defence and cultural fields to face new challenges before them.
The discussion held at the Islamic Cultural Centre at Sholashahar here under the auspices of the socio-cultural organisation thinkers' forum was presided over by its General Secretary Dr Muhammad Mahbubullah. Veteran journalist Nazir Ahmad presented a paper on 'Bosnia-Herzegovina while Principal A Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Dr Emran Hussain, Dr Mahmud Shah, Dr Moynuddin Ahmad Khan of Chittagong University, Advocate Ahmad Sagor and Maulana Isa Shahedi participated in the discussion.
They expressed concern and indignation at the genocide of Muslims and mass rape of women in Bosnia-Herzegovina by the Serbian aggressors.



JHENIDAH, Al-Haj Moshir Rahman MP addressing a discussion meeting organised by the local Pres Club on 'Journalism' at local Tennis club recently.

Notes from Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent
CHUADANGA, Aug 29: One Moriam Nesa wife of one Rezaul Karim of village Buchitala under Damurhuda thana of Chuadanga district gave birth to three male child at a time at district Sadar Hospital recently.
Immediately after delivery two child died and the rest one is alive. Both the mother and her alive one child are in good health now.
Meanwhile the mother had left the hospital.

Snake bites one, dies
One Begum aged about 35-year and mother of five children, wife of one Jahangir Ali of Chuadanga Bagmara died recently from snake bite.
It is learnt that the while the ill-fated house wife Begum was at her bedroom at night, the snake bite her. She was taken to Chuadanga Sadar Hospital where she died.

One killed in rival group clash
One Nazrul Islam, (25) of village Binodpur under Alamdanga thana of Chuadanga district was killed by his opponents in a clash recently.
It is learnt that one Shandu son of one Nur Ali of the village uttered some foul words against the brothers wife of the deceased. As a result, there was a quarrel between the deceased Nazrul and his opponents.
At one stage the supporters of Thandu severely assaulted victim Nazrul by iron rods and lathis. As a result, victim Nazrul was seriously injured. Immediately he was taken to Hardi Hospital. The Hardi Hospital authority referred him to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital where the victim succumbed to his injuries on August 6 last.

A case has been started in this connection with the Alamdanga Police Station. None has been arrested so far. Investigation is going on.

21 development schemes implemented
During the last financial year, Chuadanga pourashava has implemented 21 development schemes at a total cost of Taka 10,80,000.
The implemented schemes included construction of roads; construction of guide walls of roads, construction of drains, development of primary schools and development of pourashava office building.

Besides, four development schemes have also been under taken in the pourashava area for implementation at a total cost of Taka 4,60,000.
The said schemes include the expansions of pourashava building, repair of a road, construction of a betel-leaf selling shed at local Bara bazar and construction of a water tank for the 'Ozu Khana' of the pourashava.

Police arrest 81
Under August '92 drive, Chuadanga district police has arrested 81 alleged absconded and other criminals from four thanas of Chuadanga district till August 17.

According to an official source, the drive began on August 1 to be continued till August 31. Till August 17, the police has also recovered 13 illegal arms from the four thanas of the district are: Chuadanga Sadar, Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar.
Besides, the police also has recovered 16 rounds of ammunition of which seven rounds are rifle ammunition and 9 rounds are gun ammunition.
Of the total arrests, their are four alleged extremists.

Mujib's death anniversary observed
The 17th death anniversary of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed throughout Chuadanga district.
In connection with the observance of the day, the local unit of Bangladesh Awami League and its front organisations chalked out elaborate programmes which included Milad Mahfil, discussion meeting, wearing of black badge by the party workers, Kangali Bhouz, essay competition.
The discussion meeting was held at local Bara bazar. Ali Ahamed, Vice-President of the local unit of AL presided over the meeting. Younus Ali, Advocate, President of the District Awami League spoke on the occasion as the chief guest. The other speakers of the discussion meeting were Messers Solaiman Hoq Joarder, Abul Quasem, Shawkat Ali, Shaifiqui Islam and Abdul Quader.

Tree plantation going on with much enthusiasm

BHOLA, Aug 29: Agriculture Extension Department of Sadar thana has taken up an extensive programme for planting six lakh saplings in the area, reports UNB.
The educational institutions included Bagmara High School, Bagmara Girls High School, Bagmara Primary School and the kindergarten school. The meeting was addressed, among others, by Ali Akkas, Tajul Islam, Nurul Islam and Abdur Rashid.
The programme was taken as part of the countrywide tree planting drive by the government.
The speakers called upon all to take part in making the campaign a success to help restore ecological balance. They urged the government to take a massive motivation scheme to inspire the common people in planting trees for their economic benefit.

They hoped with the successful implementation of the campaign the Sadar thana will take a new look and rich in forest resources.
Another report from Comilla says: The tree planting campaign was formally launched at 4 educational institutions at Bagmara in Laksham thana by Principal Abul Kalam Majumder, ex-MP at a function held last week.

50-bed Tongi hospital beset with problems
From Our Correspondent
GAZIPUR, Aug 29: The fifty-bed hospital at Tongi under the Gazipur district has been facing many fold problems including shortage of doctors, bed, ambulance, blood bank, medicine.
When contacted, the in-charge doctor of the hospital, Dr Abu Taleb told this correspondent that the number of doctors in this hospital is too small and over the above two posts of doctor have been lying vacant for a long time.
The doctor informed that one doctor who get salary from this hospital do not attend the patients regularly.
The existing doctors can not cope with the number of incoming patients from different areas of the locality.
The absence of other necessary appliances has also aggravated the situation further.
The hospital has been running for acute shortage of life saving drugs for some time past. Surgical patients are the worst sufferers due to shortage of blood bank and requisite apparatus. It is informed, it may be mentioned here that Tongi is an industrial area where accidents occur very often.
The admitted patients in the hospital are to stay on the floors and varendas for want of requisite seats. Moreover, the visitors enter into the hospital wards every now and then for which the patients suffer much.
The poor patients who come to this hospital are to buy medicine from out side at an exorbitant price. Some patients complained that some dishonest staff of the hospital supply medicine taking extra money. It is also learnt that they sell hospital medicine to the pharmacies of the locality.
Some of the doctors of the hospital are more interested in private practice and accordingly advice the patients to contact him at his outside chamber.
Some patients of the hospital words informed that the diet supplied by the authority is very poor. The beds, floor, toilets and other equipment of the hospital remain very dirty for want of maintenance and service.
The local people including the workers of the Tongi Industrial Area have urged the concerned authority to look into the matter and take immediate steps to mitigate the sufferings of the patients of this important area near the capital city.

Over 45,937 children in dist out of school
MAULVIBAZAR, Aug 29: Over 45,937 children of Maulvibazar district have remained out of schools due to poverty, shortage of primary schools and educational appliances.
According to sources at the district education office, about 21,767 children have reached school-age but have not been enrolled as their guardians cannot afford educational expenses.
A large number of students have dropped out one or two years after their enrollment.
Many schools damaged by floods and other natural calamities have yet to be rehabilitated.
There are 693 government, 115 registered and 23 unregistered primary schools in the district.
The non-government primary schools in the district are functioning without adequate number of teachers and educational facilities.
A total of 138 posts of teachers in the government primary schools of the district have been lying vacant for many years.
Local leaders have urged the authorities to take early steps for rehabilitation of the damaged school houses and nationalisation of all the primary schools in the district.

Scarcity of drinking water has been causing immense suffering in the rural areas of the district for long time.
The people are forced to consume polluted water from ponds, canals and rivers, exposing themselves to various stomach diseases.
Officials said of the total, 152 tubewells have gone out of order in Kulaura thana, 140 in Kamalganj, 129 in Rajnagar, 69 in Barolekha, 55 in Srimongal and 53 in Sadar thana of the district.
Local leaders have demanded resinking of the choked up tubewells and repair of inoperative tubewells immediately.
At least 377 tubewells have repaired in six thanas of the district during the year 1991-92. Of these, 95 were repaired in Sadar, 72 in Kamalganj, 64 in Srimongal, 58 in Rajnagar, 48 in Kulaura and 40 in Barolekha thanas.
Besides, 153 tara pumps have been installed in five thanas of the district during last financial year. Of the total, 76 were installed in Barolekha thana, 31 in Srimongal, 26 in Rajnagar, 18 in Kulaura and only 2 in Maulvibazar Sadar thana of the district, officials said.

Police, BDR men recover stolen, smuggled goods
NETRAKONA, Aug 29: Netrakona Kotwali thana police Thursday recovered a stolen babytaxi and arrested two persons on charge of stealing it from village Hironpur, about five kms from here, reports BSS.
Police sources said the babytaxi bearing no. Dhaka Metro Da-4604 was stolen from Gulshan area of Dhaka city (mtf) 13 days ago.
Acting on a secret information, a police squad led by Officer-in-Charge of Netrakona Kotwali Thana MA Raquib had cordoned off the house of one Abdul Hai at village Hironpur and recovered the babytaxi.
During the operation police also caught the house owner Abdul Hye and driver of the vehicle Jamal.
The arrested persons were produced before Netrakona Sadar thana Magistrate Court.
UNB from Comilla says: Kotwali police last week recovered and seized Indian sarees worth about Taka 45,000 and arrested two people in this connection.
Acting on tip, a police party laid trap at Ashrafpur village near old airport, two miles south of Comilla town.
Another report from Feni adds: Bangladesh Rifles have seized a huge quantity of Indian goods worth about Taka 5.69 lakh and arrested 54 smugglers including one Indian national during the first two weeks of this month in Feni and Laxmipur districts.
According to BDR sources, they raided different border areas, inter-city trains, night coaches.