

## Upazila roundup

## BRAHMANBARIA

## Chhatra Dal unit confce concludes

From Our Correspondent

Sept 4: The biennial conference of Akhaura thana Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was held here at thana auditorium of the district recently.

Hedayetullah Khan, Convener of Akhaura thana Chhatra Dal presided over the conference. Miah Abdullah Wazed, local MP and Takder Hossain Jasim, Central Student Leader, Hamidul Haque (Tukku) District BNP General Secretary attended in the conference as chief guest and special guest respectively. It was addressed among others by Zahirul Hoque (Khokan), district Chhatra Dal President, M A Taher, thana BNP President, Nayab Ali Bhuiyan, thana BNP General Secretary.

Later, a procession paraded the main thoroughfares of the thana.

## RAJBARI

## Law, order situation reviewed

Sept 4: A meeting of all political parties was held here to review the overall law and order situation and other development activities of the district on Tuesday last, reports BSS.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof. Jahan-Ara Begum presided over the meeting, an official handout said Wednesday.

The meeting discussed elaborately the law and order situation and laid stress to root out terrorism from society. It exchanged views to maintain peace and discipline during the forthcoming by-election of the Jatiya Sangsad seat of Rajbari-10.

The seat has fallen vacant following the death of Wajed Chowdhury.

Speaking on the occasion the State Minister said the present government was determined to maintain the prevailing democratic process. She called upon the local administration, all political parties and people of all walks of life to hold the by-election in a free, fair and peaceful manner. Leaders of the different political parties of the district attended the meeting.

## AGRI-VARSITY

## BAUCSU installation ceremony ends

Sept 4: The installation of newly-elected executive council of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) club for the session 1992-93 was held at the club premises on August 30 with the club president and Vice-Chancellor of BAU Prof. M Ashraf Ali Khan in the chair, says a press release.

At the outset, the Vice-President of BAU club Prof. S N Chowdhury introduced the newly elected office-bearers and members of the club executive council. The outgoing General Secretary of the club Ahmed Ali read out the annual report containing various activities during the session 1991-92. Others who spoke on the occasion included I K Ullah, the outgoing Vice-President in-charge, Prof. A A A Muhsin, Prof. A F M Sharfuddin Azad and N I Nazmi.

The second part of the programme included an attractive photo slide-show entitled 'The matchless beauty of nature' as conceived and designed by Nibuddin Ahmed, an internationally reputed photographer and newly elected member of the BAU club executive council.

## TANGAIL

## Snake-bite leaves one dead

Sept 4: Nurunnahar (16) of Shakhipur under Tangail district died from snake-bite recently, reports BSS.

While she came out of her house to perform ozua venomous snake bite her, Nurunnahar had appeared in last SSC examination from Shakhipur Kalia Mazeda Majid Girls' High School and got first division with three letters.

Another report adds: Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers Association, Tangail district branch held a meeting with Abdul Jabbar, President of the district branch in the chair.

The meeting discussed various problems of the teachers and stressed the need of nationalising the primary schools for the successful implementation of universal primary education.

## PATUAKHALI

## Cyclone shelter under construction

Sept 4: A multipurpose cyclone shelter at a cost of Taka 28 lakh is being constructed in Dhulswar union of Kalapara thana in the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Sources said, Karitas, an NGO has funded the project. Deputy Commissioner of the district recently inaugurated the construction of the shelter.

The inaugural function was also attended by P Guda, Regional Director of Karitas, R Gomes, Director (Welfare) Karitas; Mansur Ahmed, TNO Kalapara; Chairman Dhulswar union parishad.

The Deputy Commissioner urged the voluntary organisations to come forward to ameliorate the sufferings of the common people by implementing various development projects in the rural areas.

He said income generating projects can usher in new hopes and aspirations among the distressed and landless people of the rural areas.

## NETRAKONA

## Judge court faces accommodation problem

Sept 4: The district judge court has been facing acute accommodation problem after eight thana civil courts were shifted to the district headquarters, reports UNB.

Sources said civil courts from the thanas of Alpara, Madan, Khaliazari, Mohangonj, Barhatta, Purbadhaba and Kalmakanda had been shifted recently following a government decision.

The district judge, additional judge, the sub-judge and the senior munsif sit in the same building at present.

## SIRAJGANJ

## Chhatra League leader nabbed

Sept 4: Police nabbed an Awami League backed Chhatra League leader Helal Uddin from his residence in Ajampur village under Kasipur thana Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Helal, a top ranking leader of Kasipur unit of Chhatra League, has been charged with ransacking the residence of local BNP leader Nurul Islam and beating him during the attack two months ago.

He filed a bail petition to the Kasipur thana court Wednesday. The court, however, rejected the petition.

## SUNAMGANJ

## Jatiyatabadi Matsya Samity unit meet

Sept 4: A conference under the auspices of 'Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Matsya Samity' was held recently attended by more than 1000 delegates from different places, reports BSS.

The conference under the presidentship Sirajul Hussain Khan, Chief Adviser of the samity called for upholding 'Jal jar jala tar' (Fisheries to fishermen) policy and cancellation of tender system.

In his presidential address, Sirajul Hussain Khan said 'Fisheries for fishermen' was essential for development of countries fish wealth and improvement of social-economic conditions of nearly one crore fishermen. The conference was addressed among others by president of the samity, Alhaj Kamrul Islam, Secretary General of the samity, Islam Ali, presidents of districts committees of Sylhet, Pabna, Bogra, Barisal and local leaders.

## DINAJPUR

## Police recover arms: 75 held

Sept 4: Police arrested 75 people and recovered five firearms and 69 rounds of ammunition from different parts of the district in last one month, reports UNB.

The recovered arms included one pistol, one gun, three pipe guns and 69 rounds of ammunition.

Police said the arrested people were wanted in connection with various anti-social activities including hijacking, dacoity, murder, loot and arson.



GAZIPUR: The main road in front of Police Super office of the town become muddy after slight rainfall.

## 32 die of malaria, diarrhoea

PABNA, Sept 4: Malaria has claimed six people including two minor boys and attacked over 100 in the district during the last few days, reports UNB.

According to hospital sources four died in Sadar thana and one each died in Faridpur and Chalmohar thana during the last 15 days.

The district civil surgeon said 84 health workers are working in the district to combat the disease.

Another report from Sirajganj says: Diarrhoea claimed seven lives, including three children, in Sadar thana on Monday and Tuesday raising the death toll to 26 in the district during the last week.

Of the victims, Jarina (50), Sefali (18), Abdul (7) and Gafur (6) of Kalkandapara village of the Sadar thana died on Tuesday while the other three on Monday, official sources said.

Meanwhile, the disease has taken an alarming stage in the district and attacked 5,000 during the period.

People from remote areas afflicted with diarrhoea are pouring into the Sadar hospital for treatment everyday, hospital sources added.

The doctors on duty told UNB that they were receiving over 100 diarrhoea patients everyday. The Civil Surgeon attributed the caused of the outbreak of the disease to adulterated food scarcity of pure drinking water.

## Sub-jail faces problems

The sub-jail of the district faces various problems including accommodation, causing serious health hazard to the inmates.

The sub-jail having a capacity for only 42, is now crowded with about 500 prisoners. As a result, the sufferings of the inmates are increasing.

The environment inside the jail deteriorated seriously due to overcrowding. Diseases like dysentery and tuberculosis are rapidly spreading among the inmates.

About 50 inmates have been attacked by such diseases. The situation continues to be worsen even after about 100 inmates have been transferred to Sadar thana hajrat.

When contacted the sub-jail doctor admitted that some patients have been attacked by various diseases. However, he described the situation as not serious.

Another report adds: A house wife was electrocuted and two of her children injured when they came in contact with a live electric wire at village New Bhangabari of poura area of the district Wednesday.

Familly sources said a live electric wire remained abandoned in the premises of the house of Monowara Begum. When she and the two children came in contact with the wire, Monowara died on the spot. Her two children Shahin (5) and Shamim (3) received serious injuries. They were admitted to Sadar hospital.

## Plan to bring all under literacy

TANGAIL, Sept 4: Education Minister Zamiruddin Sircar Tuesday said that the present government has a programme to bring all people under literacy by 2000 AD, reports BSS.

With this aim in view the universal compulsory education and adult literacy programme have been started in 64 thanas in the first phase, he said.

The minister was speaking in the installation ceremony of Kumudini Government College Students Union. State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan was present as a special guest. Dr Sulam Bannu, Principal of the college, presided over the function.

The Education Minister said that the late President Zia instituted the mass literacy programme and we are working to implement that.

The minister said that more teachers will be given to Kumudini College soon to meet the demand of the students.

A report from Barisal says: State Minister for Education Principal Md Yunus Khan said compulsory education is vital for overall development of a country.

He was addressing the students, teachers and a cross section of people at the local Halima Khatun Girls' School premises here. The meeting was presided over Saem Arshed, headmaster of the school.

He asked if the small pox could be eradicated from the world then why shall we not be

able to remove illiteracy from our society? He said, 'We have arranged an open university as other 84 countries of the world where at least two lakh students will be admitted in the next year. The students will learn through audio and video system.'

The State Minister stressed the need of education for making Swarnirvar Bangladesh. He declared that the Halima Khatun Girls' School will be nationalised within this fiscal year.

## Prisoner dies in hospital

RANGPUR, Sept 4: A detained prisoner died at the Rangpur Medical College Hospital on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police Super said Mominuddin (65) of local college road was arrested under section 54 by Kotwali police and sent to jail hajrat on August 19. He was subsequently given detention order on August 31.

Police said Mominuddin was suffering from duodenal ulcer. He was first admitted to Jail Hospital and then removed to Rangpur Medical College Hospital where he died.

But the local people alleged that physical torture by police was the reason behind his death. They demanded investigation into the incident.

The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy.



JAMALPUR: Local Railway Security Police arrested four persons along with a pipegun here recently.

## Notes from Barisal

From Our Correspondent BARISAL, Sept 4: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) has taken up a plan to disburse more than 1 crore 70 lakh taka as agriculture loan for cultivation of transplanted aman in ten southern districts during the current season.

## One pirate nabbed

Bangladesh Navy has arrested one Mossaraf Hossain (28) allegedly a pirate with a trawler from the Bishkhali river of Borguna district.

Navy personnel also recovered one Chinese axe and a ramdao from the trawler during the operation.

## 162 cases still pending

One hundred sixty two cases are still pending for trial in the court of Nalchity thana magistrate under Jhalakathi district upto August '92. Besides, 22 persons were awarded convictions after trial in eight cases.

## More 8 projects to be implemented

Barisal pourasava will implement more eight development projects during the current fiscal year.

These projects include, according to official sources, construction of community centre, commercial complex, bridge and repair of roads including renovation of Puratan and Natun Bazars.

## Police arrest kidnapper

Baranipara thana police arrested one Al-Amin for kidnapping a teenager, Sarmin Akhtar (12) from a Baranipara bound launch recently.

Al-Amin forcibly taken Sarmin Akhtar with him to his house at Balishari union after landing from the launch by 4 am morning on the day of incident.

During noon of the same day, Sarmin Akhtar managed to flee with the help of sister-in-law of Al-Amin and later took shelter in the police station.

After hearing all story, police arrested Al-Amin from his house. Sarmin hails from Pirojpur. She was coming to her house alone from Munshiganj.

## Looting of arms, ammunition rampant

Looting of arms and ammunition from passenger coaches and launches in road and marine routes in the southern districts are rampant.

According to concerned authorities, 52 rifles, 1,229 rounds of ammunition of different fire arms including 8 bayonets were looted away from passenger coaches and launches by armed miscreants during last three years of time.

Besides, armed miscreants also killed at least 10 Ansars on duty and two passengers including a villager in these incidents.

## 4570 held in Khulna Div with 434 arms

KHULNA, Sept 4: A total of 434 fire arms and 822 rounds of ammunition were recovered and 4576 criminals and anti-social elements were rounded up from sixteen districts of Khulna division during the month-long drive against criminals under Operation August '92.

The Deputy Inspector General of Police Khulna Division Ashraful Huda while talking to BSS about the month-long drive said that he was satisfied with the operation and expressed hope that law and order situation would further improve with the recovery of unauthorised arms and ammunition and arrest of criminals in this division.

Local leaders urged the authorities to bring the remote areas of the district within UPEP programme and take immediate schemes to develop and renovate the schools with necessary amenities.

## 159 held in Jhenidah

A UNB report from Jhenidah says: Police arrested 159 people and recovered 51 arms and 100 rounds of bullets from different places in six thanas of the district during the August operation.

The recovered arms included 44 fire arms and 7 sharp weapons.

Police said the arrested were wanted for long in connection with various crimes including murder, dacoity, kidnapping and toll extortion.

## 749 held in Comilla

A report from Comilla adds: Police as part of their countrywide anti-crime drive, arrested 749 persons, recovered 16 firearms and two rounds of rifle ammunition from various places of the district in August.

They said the arrested persons were involved in various crimes including murder, dacoity, kidnapping and toll extortion. Many of them were wanted for a long time.

The recovered arms included 10 pipe guns, three ram daos, two kirich, one live cartridge and one dagger.

## Problem in vehicle movement to enclaves

## Uplift works hampered

LALMONIRHAT, Sept 4: The development works of Dahagram and Angorputa enclaves are likely to be hampered by restrictions put on the movement of the four-wheel vehicles through Tin Bigha corridor by the Indian traffic police and BSF, reports UNB.

The traffic control police of West Bengal and Border Security Force (BSF) said, the lease agreement did not permit the movement of four-wheel transports. Without the prior permission of the Indian authorities, they said movement of such vehicles through the corridor, could not be allowed.

As a result, transportation of construction materials for roads, bridges and culverts from the main land is being hampered.

The district relief officer moving on a jeep to Dahagram with some relief goods was stopped last week by the Indian traffic police from entering the corridor as the jeep

was a four-wheeler. Later, he had to send the relief materials by carts.

**8 die of hydrophobia**  
Eight people died of hydrophobia in the district during the last one month.

According to reports three of them died in Kaliganj thana, two in Patgram, one each in Hatibandha, Aditmari and Sadar thana.

Besides, over 100 others were reported to have been bitten by rabid mad dogs, one of those injuring 22 persons at Patgram thana alone.

Short supply of Anti-Rodent Vaccine (ARV) in the pourashava, has been affecting treatment of the victims.

Each ARV injection is being sold in the market at Taka 450. One has to spend at least Taka 2240 to complete a full course of the injection which is almost impossible for the rural poor.

The sufferers have urged the authorities to supply the vaccine immediately.

## 57,684 people adopt FP devices in Maijdee Court

MAIJDEE COURT, Sept 4: At least 57,684 people were brought under different Family Planning programmes in the district during the fiscal '91-92, reports UNB.

According to official sources, 1900 male were sterilized permanently and the rest 55,784 male and female were brought under various family planning devices including copper tube, injection, pill etc.

Local people complained that the on-going family planning activities in the district are not up to the mark and the target could not be achieved if field workers are not activated.

Due to lack of coordination and proper supervision it will be difficult to achieve this year's target, they added.

Noakhali district adminis-

tration allotted 412,666 metric tons of rice for six thanas and three pourashavas of the district for implementation of various projects under test relief (rainy season) programme.

Of the total allocation, 80,000 metric tons was allotted for sadar thana, 93,000 metric tons for Begumganj, 36,000 metric tons for Companiganj, 46,000 metric tons for Chelkhil, 45,333 metric tons for Senbag, 63,340 metric tons for Hatya, 13,666 metric tons for Chaumuhani pourashava, 5,333 metric tons for Basurhat pourashava and 30,000 metric tons for Noakhali pourashava.

Out of total allocation for Noakhali pourashava 10,000 metric tons will be spent for the development works of several educational, social, sports and cultural institutions.

## 11.34 lakh saplings planted in greater Comilla

BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 4: About 11.34 lakh saplings of different varieties of trees were planted in the greater Comilla district under the nation wide tree planting programme, reports UNB.

Official sources said that the saplings included guava, jack fruits, hog-plum, wood apple, rose apple, lemon, citron, olive and many other fruit bearing trees while non-fruit bearing saplings included Mehogany, Shishu, Rain Tree, Shikoro, Champa, Bakul, Krishnachura etc.

The saplings have been planted in the school, college, and office premises and also on the road sides, sources said. Earlier, the target of planting of saplings had been set at 34 lakh for the greater Comilla district.

Two hundred thirty male and 274 female eye patients have been given free treatment and medicines in a free eye care centre run by the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Comilla.

Another 11 cataract patients were referred to BNSB eye hospital in Chandpur for cataract operation.

The Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Comilla arranged free treatment for eye patients last Friday.

The camp is organised on last Friday of every month.

## Traders assoc executives

Election of the Managing Committee for Kashba Pura Bazar Traders Association was held peacefully on August 27.

This is for the first time a Managing Committee for the said association was elected through democratic process.

Md Yunus Master and Abdul Mannan alias Muti Mia were elected president and general secretary respectively of the 9-member committee.

Another report adds: A meeting of the teachers of schools having academic recognition without grant-in-aid of greater Comilla district was held in the premises of Batabaria Girls' High School on August 29.

Presided over by Sufi Md Nurul Haque the meeting was also attended by members of the central committee Majbar Rahman Howlader and Serajun Nabi Patwari.

Later, an ad hoc committee with eight members for the Comilla unit of Bangladesh Recognised School Teachers Association was formed with A K M Sayeda Rahman, Head Mistress of Batabaria Girls' High School as its convener.

## One killed, 10 hurt in clash over hijacking

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 4: A man was killed and 10 others injured in a clash between two rival groups at village Char Betkandi in Shahjadpur thana Wednesday night, reports UNB.

Police and family sources said the clash ensued between the groups — one led by Azmat Ali of village Betkandi and another led by Absar Ali of neighbouring village Goshalgam, who tried to kidnap Azmat at about 9 pm over a family feud.

At one stage of the violent clash Azmat Ali was beaten to death. The body was sent to sadar hospital for autopsy.

Three seriously injured were admitted to Shahjadpur thana health complex while the rest were released after first aid.

A case has been filed with the police.

Police recovered one country made gun, two pipe guns and 34 rounds of ammunition from Fakirtola and Kasipur Ghat on Sunday night.

Two cases were filed with the police but none was arrested.

Another report adds: A school boy was run over by a

speeding truck near Shoaan-gachha of sadar thana on Sirajganj-Kasipur Road on Sunday evening.

According to police Sakil Miah (7) son of Dilder Ali of Ekdala was going to Sirajganj town by a rickshaw. It was hit by a speeding truck coming from Kasipur. Sakil died on the spot.

Police seized the truck but the driver managed to escape.

A case has been filed with the police.

**Arrest of Ruma's killers demanded**

COMILLA, Sept 4: The Kheinghar Ashar of the district demanded immediate arrest of the killers of Ruma Akhter, a primary school student and a member of the Ashar, murdered on August 9, reports UNB.

At a meeting held recently, the Ashar decried the failure of the authorities in arresting the killers of Ruma.

Ruma, daughter of Moma-suddin of village Khetasar in Kotwali thana and a student of Khetasar Primary School.