

District roundup

JHENIDAH

Three held for teasing school girls

Sept 11: Three boys have been arrested from the gate of Fazer Ali Girls' High School of the town Saturday for teasing school girls, reports UNB.

According to police, Jhantu, Samad and Bishwajit were picked up on a complaint by some guardians.

Girls and guardians earlier complained that some street-Romeos were often seen following girls and making obscene remarks in front of different schools and in the shopping areas.

The girls could not move freely for fear of these vagabond boys.

A case has been filed with the police.

PABNA

Husband throttled to death by wife

Sept 11: A husband has been strangled to death by his wife at Shayghoria village in Sadar thana of the district, reports UNB.

According to the sources, Sufia Khatun (28) had been accused by her husband, Shamu (35), of having illicit relation with a youngman of the same village.

Last Friday night, Shamu found his wife and her paramour Azal together.

At one stage of their heated exchange, Sufia attacked Shamu and strangled him to death.

Police arrested Sufia and a case was filed with Sadar thana in this connection.

Azal fled away and has been absconding.

The body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

JAMALPUR

Chhatra League bags 6 posts in college union polls

Sept 11: Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) bagged six posts including Vice President and General Secretary while Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal won the rest nine seats in the Nandina College Students' Union election held on Saturday last, reports UNB.

College sources said Fazlul Hoq was elected as V-P and Delwar Hossain Sabu as GS.

The election was held peacefully.

CHUADANGA

Farmers' Welfare Assoc executives

Sept 11: A rally of the farmers of Padmabali union under Chuadanga Sadar thana was held at village Begnagar recently, reports BSS.

Presided over by Syed Ali Mondal, the rally was addressed among others by Shahidul Islam, Anwar Hossain and Kusum Ranjan Biswas, Thana Agriculture Officer, Chuadanga.

An 11-member committee of a Farmer's Welfare Association styled 'Chashi Kalyan Samity' was formed in the rally with Shahidul Islam and Anwar Hossain as President and Secretary respectively.

LALMONIRHAT

Absconding dacoit nabbed

Sept 11: Police arrested an absconding dacoit from Pan-chagram area of the district recently, reports UNB.

Acting on tip, police rushed to area and arrested the accused Nizamuddin.

Police said Nizam was wanted for a long time in connection with several dacoity cases.

Later, he was produced before the court and court ordered to send him to jail.

NARAIL

Reputed Painter, SM Sultan seriously ill

Sept 11: Reputed painter S M Sultan is seriously ill at his house in village Machindia near here, reports UNB.

He is suffering from prostate gland infection, urinary tract obstruction and severe abdominal pain.

A medical board consisting of some doctors of Narail Hospital examined him on Monday. His condition is said to be deteriorating and is not fit for him to be taken to Dhaka.

MADARIPUR

JCD activists demand trial of attackers

Sept 11: District unit of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal (JJD) organised a protest meeting here on Tuesday at local Muktamachha demanding trial and punishment of alleged attackers of JCD activists last month, reports UNB.

Presided over by district JJD President Muzibur Rahman, the rally was also addressed by local BNP leaders.

According to sources, a gang of young men armed with sophisticated weapons opened fire on a JCD procession injuring some of them.

The miscreants they said, also ransacked a petrol pump which belongs to a local BNP leader.

JCD held Bangladesh Chhatra League (Hasina) responsible for the attack.

After the meeting, JJD brought out a procession and paraded the main streets of the town chanting slogans.

COMILLA

Contraband goods worth Tk 19.40 lakh seized: 2 held

Sept 11: Bangladesh Rifles seized contraband goods worth over Taka 19.40 lakh, arrested two smugglers and filed 128 cases in the district last month, reports UNB.

The contraband goods included Indian saris, lungis, clothes, luxury goods, bi-cycle, rickshaw parts, match, razor blade, phenidyl syrup and timber worth about taka 18,63,582.

The BDR jawans also seized contraband while being smuggled out of the country in this period which included powder milk, electronic goods, hilsa fish, dry fish and old garments worth Taka 76,430.

TANGAIL

Programme on Eid-E-Miladunnabi inaugurated

Sept 11: A five-day-long programme on holy Eid-E-Miladunnabi was inaugurated at Santosh Islamic University on Sunday by Alhaj Alema Khatun Bhashani, reports BSS.

The programme includes Khatm-e-Quran, milad mahfil, discussion meetings, competition of hamd and nath and recitations.

Tangail district Eid-E-Miladunnabi observance committee is holding milad and discussion meetings on the life and teachings of Hazrat Muhammad (SM) from first Tablul Awal at Central Jam-E-Mosque as part of its twelve-day long programme.

Islamic Foundation and Syed Ahmadia Yatim Khana will hold functions separately at their premises from twelfth Tablul Awal.

CHITTAGONG

Ninety shops gutted in devastating fire

Sept 11: About ninety shops including one rice mill and one flour mill were gutted in a devastating fire at Dighinala Bazar of Khagrachhari hill district on Sunday night, according to a delayed official source here, reports BSS.

Five persons were also injured in the incident. The fire originated from one of the shops, the source said.

Members of the security forces and local people had to struggle for long three hours to extinguish the fire.

Deputy Commissioner Khagrachhari and the officers of the security force visited Dighinala Bazar after the incident.

BOGRA

Workshop on breast feeding

Bogra, Sept 11: A three-day workshop on breast feeding has concluded at the Bogra Medical College, reports UNB.

It was jointly organised by Bogra Baby Friendly Hospital and campaign for protection and promotion of breast feeding in cooperation with UNICEF.

The inaugural session of the workshop was presided over by Dr Mahfuzul Haque, Principal of Bogra Medical College. Dr Ruksana consultant, Dr Gulshan Ara and Dr Tanvin were the resource persons in the workshop.

This was the first training workshop of its kind held in Bogra recently.



GAIBANDHA: Brahmaputra Flood Control Embankment at Raidusbari where 4,000 feet have been eroded the surging water of river Brahmaputra. — Star photo

Erosion of Brahmaputra, Teesta 60,000 families in Gaibandha homeless so far

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Sept 11: About 35-kilometre areas along the western bank of the rivers Teesta and Brahmaputra in the district have been eroded in last eight years.

The erosion situation has turned alarming in four thanas, out of seven in the district.

The situation of erosion was not so even before three decades ago. The rivers, Teesta and the Brahmaputra were far away from their present course. The erosion took serious turn since 1984.

During the period, innumerable dwelling houses, offices, institutions, business establishments and vast tract of cultivable lands had been washed away by the rivers rendering nearly 60 thousand families homeless.

Earlier, the river beds of Teesta and the Brahmaputra were deep and it could carry enough water. But due to heavy siltation, the rivers gradually lost their usual depth. As a result, the channels changed their courses towards the western bank.

The surging tide of the channels directly hit the banks almost round the year. During the rainy season, the rate of erosion increase alarmingly.

Affect of erosion

The erosion of the rivers, Teesta and Brahmaputra engulfed thousands of acres of cultivable lands, permanent structure of offices, mosques and institutions, markets and villages rendering uncountable a large number of dwellers homeless.

The most affected thanas are: Sunderganj, Gaibandha Sadar, Fulchari and Shaghata.

In Sunderganj thana, Hari-pur, Belka, Chandipur, Sreepur, Kapasia, Tarapur and Dahabandha unions, in Gaibandha Sadar Kamarjani and Oldari unions, in Fulchari, Fazlupur, Arendabari, Gajaria and Fulchari unions, and in Shaghata, Jumerbari, Machua and Haldia unions are the badly affected areas.

Fulchari thana is the most affected area of the district where six unions are more or less affected by the erosion of the river Brahmaputra. Only Udakhali union of thana is still unaffected.

Meanwhile, 15 buildings of different offices have been destroyed by the erosion which could not be saved. Teestamuk Railway Ferry Ghat in the meantime has been shifted

Former Fulchari Upazila Parishad building together with other offices are likely to be devoured within the next two or three weeks.

Present situation

With the beginning of rainy season, erosion has taken alarming turn at Fulchari Head Quarters, Raidusbari and Kamarjani under Sadar thana, Jumerbari and Bharatkhal under Shaghata thana, Belka, Hari-pur under Sunderganj thana.



GAIBANDHA: The erosion of river Brahmaputra hit a building of Livestock Department at Fulchari of the district. — Star photo

During the last few weeks, about 4,000 feet of Brahmaputra Flood Control Embankment have been eroded. The Rasulpur Regulator on the river Ghagat at the confluence of Brahmaputra is now also under the threat of erosion.

The different offices of Fulchari thana have been shifted to safer places. Many of the permanent buildings are being sold by auction. The main two storied building of Fulchari thana parishad is now only 40 feet away of erosion point.

Local elites, political leaders have urged the government to stop misuse of public money and take permanent measure to arrest erosion.

twice due to erosion. Fulchari market has already been washed away by the surging water. A building of the Livestock Department could not be saved though it was sold by auction. The fate of Fulchari Thana Complex is also uncertain.

Step to combat erosion

Water Development Board WDB could not stop erosion after taking several measures spending huge amount of

Notes from Sylhet

From Our Correspondent SYLHET, Sept 11: An old woman succumbed to her injuries at the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital after being injured seriously in a road accident on the Sylhet-Sunamganj Highway recently.

The victim Khodeza Banu (70) hailed from village Kurridi Char under Chhatak thana under Sunamganj district.

A case was registered with the police in this regard.

Two revolvers recovered

Kotwali thana police recovered two revolvers and six cocktails from Sylhet town recently.

According to the police source, on getting information, a police party went to the Mirza Jangal area and recovered the arms and ammunition from a place behind a workshop there. A case in this connection had already been registered with the police station.

Eight yrs RI for kidnapping girl

The Assistant Sessions Judge and Special Tribunal Judge, Sunamganj sentenced one person to suffer rigorous imprisonment for eight years and fine Taka 1,000 in default to suffer rigorous imprisonment for six months more, on charge of kidnapping a minor girl.

The prosecution case in brief is that, the accused Abul Kalam kidnapped Nasima Akhtar, the minor daughter of Sadru Nur Chowdhury of the village Maksudpur under Deral thana of Sunamganj district forcibly to marry her. After registration of a case in this connection police recovered her. Police held investigations and accordingly submitted chargesheet against the accused person before the court.

The court after examining all the records and witnesses, gave the aforesaid judgement.

Two jailed for dacoity

The same court in another case found two persons guilty and sentenced them to suffer rigorous imprisonment for seven years on charge of dacoity.

The prosecution case in brief is that, on the midnight of incident, a gang of robbers committed dacoity in the shop of Sultan Miah at Jaysree Bazar under Dharampasha thana of Sunamganj district. After registration of a case in this connection, the police held investigations and submitted chargesheet against 12 accused persons.

The court after examining ten witnesses, and records, found two accused persons namely, Sukkur Ali and Rafiqul Islam alias Rafique guilty and sentenced them to suffer rigorous imprisonment for seven years each. Ten other accused persons were acquitted.

Police arrest couple with pigeon

Police arrested a couple alongwith a pigeon from Sylhet town recently.

According to the reports, Shahabuddin of Beanibazar thana had been living at a residence of Gowaipara area of Sylhet town for the last few months. But their movements were seemed to be mysterious to the people of the locality.

On the day of incident, when the couple were returning to their residence carrying a small bundle, the people caught them and recovered the pigeon from their possession. They were later handed over to the police alongwith the gun.

A case in this connection had already been registered with the Sylhet Kotwali police station.

Minor girl killed in road mishap

A minor girl was killed in a road mishap on Sylhet-Chhatak Road recently.

According to the reports, at about 11 am, on the day of incident, a passenger minibus having started from Chhatak crushed the victim Selina (7) at Hasnabad near the Govindaganj bazar under its wheels on way to Sylhet. She died instantaneously.

A case in this connection had already been registered with the Chhatak Police Station. The police seized the killer minibus, it is reported.

30 hurt in road accident

At least 30 persons were injured in a road mishap that occurred at Sadipur on the Dhaka-Sylhet Highway recently.

According to the reports, the bus having started from sylhet and on its way to Dhaka met the accident when the driver lost his control over the vehicle as it was trying to overtake another passenger bus there. The injured persons were taken to the hospital.

A case in this connection had already been registered with the police.

JP procession protests terrorism

MAGURA, Sept 11: The activists of district unit of Jatiya Party Monday brought out a procession protesting terrorism throughout the country including the educational arena, reports UNB.

The processionists paraded the main thoroughfares of the town the chanted various slogans.

Later, a rally was held at College Road which was addressed by Khan Ziaul Haque, Advocate Hasan Siraj Sajju, Rezaul Karim Chhunu, Fateh Ali Tipu, Ratan Kumar Mitra and other local leaders. The rally was organised as part of its anti-terrorism week.

Portraying the grim picture of lawlessness in the country, the speakers criticized the government for its failure in curbing terrorism and violence.

They also blamed the government for politicising the administration.

They also stated the government for its failure to ensure minimum security of the life and property of the common people which they said was ensured during the regime of former President H M Ershad.

They also demanded immediate release of their party Chairman H M Ershad and other party leaders.

Construction work on 13 maternity centre cum family planning clinics has been completed in 10 districts of Khulna Division.

The total construction cost including financial support of the IDA was Taka 8.45 crore provided from last fiscal year's budget.

Police nab 167, recover 8 fire-arms in Barguna

From Our Correspondent

BARGUNA, Sept 11: One hundred sixty seven persons have been arrested and 8 arms and 16 rounds of ammunition were recovered by the Barguna district police from five thana areas of the district during Operation August '92.

Number of arrested persons 63 from Barguna Sadar, 37 from Patharghata thana, 20 from Amtali thana, 30 from Betagi thana and 17 from Bamna thana.

The police recovered one OBBL, one SBBL guns, eight pigeons, one pistol and 16 rounds of ammunition from Barguna Sadar. Betagi thana police recovered one SBBL gun.

Four persons committed suicide for different reasons in Bhandaria thana area under Perajpur district during last one month of time.

These four persons are: Firoz of Laxmi Pura village, Niranjani Baral of Atarkhali village, Emdadul of Maheshkhali village and Rakhal Chandra of

Chechri village of the same thana.

Another report adds: At least twenty dacoities were committed in greater Barisal district and wealth of seventy lakhs of taka including cash and kind were looted away by the armed dacoits during the month of August last.

According to reliable source, during the time of dacoities at least thirty persons were injured and three persons were killed.

These dacoities also include hijacking of launch, trawlers including engines, fish, fishing nets and other valuable articles. Dacoits also looted away rifles, bayonet and various types of ammunitions.

During this time four dacoities were committed in Barisal district while three in Patuakhali, four in Bhola, three in Perajpur, two in Jhalakathi and four in Barguna.

5-party leaders express concern over prevailing law, order situation

SATKHIRA, Sept 11: Five-Party Alliance central leaders in a public meeting here Saturday expressed grave concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in the country, reports UNB.

Presided over by Advocate Mustafa Lutfullah the meeting was held at Shaheed Razzak Park of the town. It was addressed, among others, by central leaders A F M Mahbubul Haque, Bimal Biswas, Abdullah Sarker, Azizur Rahman, Azizul Islam and district leaders Golam Rasul, Azad Hossain and Belal.

Expressing resentment over the failure of the government in curbing violence and terrorism the speakers said the mastans and terrorists have held the country hostage. The security of the people are at a stake.

They alleged that the government is petronising the anti-liberation forces. They demanded execution of the people's court verdict on foreign national Prof. Golam Azam.

They held Jamaat-Shibir, Freedom Party and Jobo Command activists responsible for the killing of pro-liberation forces.

Twelve dacoits arrested

FENI, Sept 11: Twelve dacoits were caught with two pipe guns by the local people while they were preparing to commit a dacoity at village Pathapur in Sanaganj thana on Sunday night, reports UNB.

On getting information, the villagers gheraoed the dacoits who were gathered near a house and managed to catch them. They confessed that they were preparing to commit dacoity at the house of Habibullah of the same village.

Scarcity of fish acute

NAOGAON, Sept 11: Acute scarcity of fish has been prevailing in the district causing great inconveniences particularly to the poor and middle class consumers, reports UNB.

It is learnt that the only fish available in the market is hilsa which is being sold at Taka 50 to 60 per kg.

The fish production in the district is also hampered seriously due to drought which dried up the canals, beels, rivers and ponds.

Due to scarcity of fish in the open water, fishermen of the district have become jobless and passing their days in great hardship.

The local unit of Chhatra League held a meeting here recently to protest the return of government grants amounting to Taka 50 lakh.

Sources said the amount was granted for development of three government colleges during the last fiscal year.

Bivas Majumder, Vice President of Naogaon Govt. College presided over the meeting. Speaking at the meeting the student leaders criticised the returning of government grant for Naogaon Govt. College, Naogaon Govt. Girls College and Natipur Govt. College.

They said that government grant was necessary for the development of the colleges. If the colleges get the fund, it will be utilised for the construction of class rooms, hostels etc.

Earlier, they handed over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

Madrasha student killed

JHENIDAH, Sept 11: A madrasa student was killed allegedly by his uncle, in Harinakundu thana of the district Wednesday, reports UNB.

According to family sources, the victim Zahidul (17), son of Naziruddin of Vadra village, was coming to Jhenidah town on Tuesday morning. On the way his uncle Kawsar suddenly attacked him and beat him mercilessly.

Zahidul was rushed to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital with serious injuries where he succumbed later.

Earlier, on the day, Kawsar also hit and wounded the victim's elder brother.

Family feud was learnt to be the reason behind the killing. The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy. A case was lodged with the police in this connection.