

District roundup

NARAYANGANJ

Girl killed in road accident

From Our Correspondent
Sept 13: A girl was killed on the spot in a road accident at the Panchabati crossing on the Munshiganj-Dhaka highway recently.

Police said a Dhaka-bound passenger minibus (Dhaka Ja 4303) coming from Munshiganj ran over the passer-by Mala (12) at about 11.15 am and escaped quickly.

A case has been lodged with the Fatulla police in this connection.

The body of Mala has been taken to the Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for autopsy.

JAMALPUR

Four nabbed along with pipegun

From Our Correspondent
Sept 13: Four persons along with one country-made pipegun were arrested by Jamalpur railway police from a compartment of a local train recently.

The arrested persons are Manwar Hossain, Kahu, Haroon and Showkat Ali.

Police sources said they were involved in train dacoity.

A case was lodged with GRP thana in this regard.

Another report adds: One Abu Hanifa, son of Habbib Rahman of village Nayapara under Jamalpur pourashava committed suicide jumping from the train recently.

The cause of the suicide could not be ascertained immediately.

A UD case has been filed with Jamalpur railway thana in this regard.

JESSORE

BCP activists kill one, kidnap another

Sept 13: A young man was killed and his younger brother kidnapped, allegedly by the activists of Biplobi Communist Party (BCP), here on Friday night, reports UNB.

Sources said a group numbering 20 to 25 armed men entered the house of Mansur Ali of village Jothashempur in Isali union of Sadar thana and shot his son Harun-al-Rashid (25).

The militants slit Harun's throat and kidnapped Mohammad Ali (23), a younger brother of Harun, before leaving the house.

Villagers said that the armed people stormed into the house chanting slogans for BCP.

Kidnapped Mohammad Ali was yet to be traced out. Police, who have launched a massive hunt for him, said.

A total of six people were killed in last 5 days in Jessore district.

BARGUNA

Three pirates rounded up

Sept 13: Bangladesh Navy rounded up three pirates from Paira river near Barguna and recovered arms and ammunition during their recent anti-piracy and fishery protection drive, reports UNB.

The ship BNS Bogra seized a boat and recovered fishing gears worth about Taka one lakh, one SBBL gun, two pipe guns, 12 live cartridges, one ramdao, few daggers and masks and rounded up two pirates.

The arrested pirates along with the firearms were later handed over to the police.

Navy men also caught a pirate red-handed while extorting fish from a trawler.

The pirate identified as Abdul Ali was handed over to local police.

LALMONIRHAT

20 injured as villagers clash

Sept 13: Twenty people were injured, six of them seriously, as two groups of people clashed at a village in Kaliganj thana of the district over a trifling matter, reports UNB.

Witnesses and police said the clash between the rival groups of village Pashurampore ensued over grazing of their goats. Of the injured, Jasimuddin (70) and his son Mafizur (40) were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital. Four others were admitted to Kaliganj thana health complex.

Police picked up one person from the spot.

SYLHET

One gets lifetime for murder

From Our Correspondent
Sept 13: The Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sylhet Md Anwarul Haque recently sentenced one person to suffer life-term imprisonment and fined Taka 5,000 in default to suffer imprisonment for one year more. Some other accused persons in the same case were also acquitted by the court.

The prosecution case in brief is that, Shaifque Miah gave proposal for marrying Swapna, the eldest daughter of Uad Ali of village Bagarkhola under Sylhet Kotwali police station in the year 1990. The proposal was refused. Infuriated, Shaifque Miah along with some of his accomplices attacked the house of Uad Ali and hit Piara Begum, the mother of Swapna with a dao causing her instantaneous death. The incident took place on July 4, 1990.

NETRAKONA

20 hurt in road mishap

From Our Correspondent
Sept 13: At least 25 persons including one baby were injured in a road accident Monday last at village Narayandia, about ten kms from here on Netrakona-Mymensingh Highway.

Eyewitness said the accident occurred when a Netrakona-bound passenger bus from Mymensingh skidded off the road and fell into a road-side crop field. Immediately after the incident, local people rushed to the spot and rescued the passengers trapped inside the bus. Later, the injured were rushed to Netrakona sadar hospital where they were being treated, hospital sources said.

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KISHOREGANJ

Silver jubilee of Shishu Bidyalaya celebrated

From Our Correspondent
Sept 13: The silver jubilee of Kishoreganj Government Adarsha Shishu Bidyalaya was celebrated amidst great enthusiasm recently.

Prof Mosharrar Hossain presided over the function which was attended by Md Maksudul Haque, Deputy Commissioner and Azizur Rahman, Additional District Magistrate as chief guest and special guest respectively.

Among others Hedayet Hossain, Sunil Deb, Sham-sunnahar Dolly, Sumana Roy, Ashish Paul, Parveen Nusrat and Sajal Deb took part in the discussion.

Later, students of the school presented a colourful variety show. The function was largely attended by the elite of the town and the former students of the school.

SIRAJGANJ

47 AL supporters face charges for attack on Jamaat office

Sept 13: Police Saturday submitted charge sheet against 47 Awami League activists of Belkuchi thana including local AL leader and former Upazila Chairman Abdul Latif Biswas, reports UNB.

According to Belkuchi thana police, a violent procession of Awami League activists attacked Belkuchi thana Jamaat office at Mukundagati Bazar on May 7 this year. They set the office ablaze and 45 people were injured in the attack.

Later, Jamaat unit chief Maulana Md Alam filed a case against 50 AL activists with the local police.

COMILLA

One held with 203 forged notes of 100 - taka

Sept 13: Police recovered 203 forged notes of Taka 100 denomination and arrested a man in this connection from Mandari village in Laksm thana recently, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, police raided a house at Mandari and arrested Shajahan, son of Mafizur Rahman of Sonapur village of Raipur thana in Laksmipur district.

Police said Shajahan stayed at Berek Mia's house at Mandari for the last one and a half years and was involved with smuggling, forgery and other anti-social activities.

A case has been lodged with the Laksm thana.



RAJBARI: The supply of hilsa fish to the local markets is quite inadequate. As a result, the prices are too high and it is beyond purchasing capacity of the common people. — Star photo

Hilsa fish supply inadequate, prices abnormal

From Our Correspondent
RAJBARI, Sept 13: Hilsa, the king of fishes, has now gone beyond the purchasing capacity of the common men due to high price as the supply is short.

During rainy season, the local markets are usually flooded with hilsa fish which are sold at a very low prices. As a result, the common people can buy and consume the fish at great quantity.

The short supply of hilsa fish in different areas of the district has pushed the prices very high. So, the common people are unable to purchase it. The consumption of hilsa has become luxurious.

Sources inform that large scale catching of undersized hilsa is mainly responsible for the low supply of the kind.

Scientific Officer, Fish Research Institute, Faridpur informed this correspondent that catching of hilsa and hilsa fry (jatka) between September and October helps decrease fish production as it is the prime time for breeding of hilsa fish.

The officer informs that shoal of hilsa fish use to lay eggs at Sandwip, Hattia.

From Our Correspondent

Manpura and C and B point of Faridpur in the Padma river and maximum number of hilsa fish fry (jatka) are found in the Meghna at Mohanpur, Chandpur, Nilkamal at Kuakata in Patuakhali, Shibsa river at Khulna and adjoining areas of Durbur Char.

It is further informed that production of hilsa fish may be doubled if the netting of hilsa fish fry by current nets is prevented during the months of March and April from Satnal (Padma) to Nilkamal.

The cross barricade by bamboos and nets also seriously hampers the hilsa fish production between November and June especially at Mehendiganj, Hija and Muladi in Barisal and in the tributaries of Meghna and Padma at Daulatdia and Aricha.

It is learnt that usually the hilsa fish enter into the sweet waters from the sea during breeding time. The fish fry then starts growing up in the sweet waters. The female hilsa grow faster than the male one. It is gathered.

About 75 per cent of the total hilsa are found in Padma, Meghna and Jamuna rivers and the rest 20 per cent are available elsewhere of the region.

The total hilsa production was 2.42 lakh ton in 1986-87 financial year. Hilsa fish meets the 30 per cent requirement of the total fish demand in our country.

A survey revealed that about 3456 tons of hilsa fish fry (jatka) were caught during February to May in 1990. As a result, hilsa production decreased remarkably.

On the other hand, sharp fall in the water level the major rivers also hampering the breeding of hilsa.

According to Fish Research Institute, the result of hilsa cultivation in ponds is not satisfactory. It is informed that unnatural breeding growth system for hilsa is far from satisfactory.

Every year, huge quantity of hilsa are rotten for want of storage facilities.

An experiment shows that hilsa fish can be preserved for 14 months in a tin-container at 121 cc temperature with mixture of salt and soybean oil.

Hilsa consumers and traders have urged the concerned authorities to take effective measures to increase hilsa production.

Notes from Barisal

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 13: Narcotics Control Department of Barisal with the help of Jhalakathi thana police recovered 2.25 kg of hemp and 23 hemp plants from the house of one Sahjahan of Kastakathi village of Jhalakathi district recently.

A case has been lodged with Jhalakathi police in this connection.

Police recover 3 guns

Patuakhali police recovered two country-made pipe guns and a modern shuttergun from a brickfield in Jainakathi of the district.

Police on a tip off reached the place when a gang of dacoits were preparing for committing dacoity at dead of night. The dacoits managed to flee leaving these arms.

BRDB disburses Tk 72.36 lakh

Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) disbursed Tk 72.36 lakh as loan among the people of Pirojpur district during last financial year.

Of the total, 6.28 lakh taka were distributed in Pirojpur sadar thana, more than 12 lakh taka in Nazirpur thana, 11.52 lakh taka in Swarupkathi thana and 2.73 lakh taka in Bhandaria thana of Pirojpur district.

36 projects nearing completion

Works on 36 projects under Annual Development Programme in Galachipa thana under Patuakhali district are nearing completion.

To implement these projects, about 24 lakh taka will be spent and will be completed by December next, it is expected.

375 demonstration plots taken up

Three hundred seventy-five demonstration plots have been set up by the Bangladesh Agriculture Extension Department (AED) of Barisal Zone in the districts of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Jhalakathi, Pirojpur, Bogura, Madaripur, Saratpur, Rajbari, Faridpur and Gopalganj during the current season.

Besides, Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) has already sold 10,700 kgs of aman-seeds among the farmers of these districts. The BADC also installed more than 8,500 power pumps, 550 deep and 12,300 shallow tubewells in these districts.

229 held during Operation Aug

Barisal district police arrested two hundred twenty-nine persons on various charges during Operation August '92.

Police also arrested 70 so-called Sarbajit Party members from different places of the district during the time.

Appointment of foreign teachers in Islamic Varsity needed

KUSHTIA, Sept 13: Appointment of foreign teachers in Islamic University is very much essential to improve the standard of education and to turn the university into a modern institution. Dr. Abdul Hamid, Vice Chancellor of Islamic University said here, reports UNB.

He was sharing his experience after visiting Islamic universities in Malaysia and Pakistan at a function at the MATS gallery last week.

He said that 65 per cent of female students were studying in the Malaysian Islamic University while it was 20 per cent in Pakistan and only 5 per cent in Bangladesh.

There are 500 teachers in Malaysia's Islamic University, of which 65 per cent are foreigners. Among the 80 teachers in the Islamic University here, there are no foreigners, he said.

Egypt and Pakistan have expressed their readiness to send teachers for the Islamic University, he added.

Young housewife commits suicide

COMILLA, Sept 13: A young housewife allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from the roof of her house following a family feud, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Fatema Begum (16) of Ullur Char village of Gollara union in Sadar thana.

Family sources said Fatema was leading an unhappy life as she was being tortured by the inmates of her in-law's since her marriage.

The body was sent to morgue for autopsy and a case has been filed with the local police.

Seven arrested while preparing for dacoity

GAIBANDHA, Sept 13: Five highway robbers have been arrested by police minutes before committing a dacoity near Tulshihat Bazar under Gaibandha Sadar thana, reports UNB.

Acting on secret information from the Chairman, Shapara Union, a contingent of Gaibandha police rushed to the spot last week and picked up the dacoits where they were preparing to swoop down on the highway.

Two other persons were also rounded up later on the confessional statement of the arrested dacoits.

The arrested dacoits were identified as Sajju (28) and Habibar (32) of village Monoharpur, Matiar (36) and Bablu (25) of village Haripur under Palashbari thana and Rashid (30) of Rampura under Gobindaganj thana of the district.

Two persons were killed and another injured seriously in a road accident near

Jordighi in Gobindaganj thana on Dhaka-Rangpur Highway here last week.

The victims identified as Abdur Rashid (30), son of Javed Ali of Majhira, Bogra and Raghunath (32) of Birganj in Dinajpur died on the spot and Sukur of Birganj was rushed to Palashbari hospital with serious injuries.

Re-excitation of Rakhtadahar Beel demanded

NAOGAON, Sept 13: Local people have demanded re-excitation of Rakhtadahar Beel in Raninagar and Adamdighi thana to store adequate water for dry season and to facilitate fish culture, reports UNB.

The Beel, about ten miles in length and four miles wide has been silted up.

The Rakhtadahar Beel could conserve enough water for irrigation in the dry season and produce fish if it was re-excavated, local leaders said.

Huda urges newsmen to maintain objectivity

HABIGANJ, Sept 13: State Minister for Establishment Nurul Huda has called upon the journalists to be impartial and urged them to contribute to national development by maintaining professional objectivity, reports UNB.

Addressing the journalists at local Press Club last week

3 injured in BSF attack

FENI, Sept 13: Three persons were injured in an attack by Indian Border Security Forces (BSF) who intruded into the Bangladesh territory at Jagannath-Sonapur in Chalgainya thana recently, reports UNB.

The BSF also looted four goats from the frontier village. According to official sources, some Bangladesh nationals were working in the field near the village, when a group of Indian nationals protested and raised a hue and cry.

BSF men across the border chased them and attacked the Bangladeshis including three persons including Abdur Rashid (60) and a woman.

The Minister said that publication of baseless information hindered national development.

The State Minister announced a grant of Taka 5,000 for development of the Press Club.

The meeting was presided over by Amir Hussain, President, Habiganj Press Club. Earlier, the State Minister inaugurated the local circuit house constructed recently.

He also attended a cultural function jointly organised by Sur Bitan and Silpakala Academy.

The construction work is going on in full-swing to complete the office building of the Deputy Commissioner in the upgraded district headquarters.

It is a part of the programme under which the government has been raising new administration buildings in 44 district headquarters.

According to official sources, two out of six blocks of the building have already been completed.

The construction of the building started in 1984, at a cost of Taka 8 crore. The remaining work is expected to be completed within a very short time, official sources said.



MYMENSINGH: M A Zaber, District Ansaar Adjutant of Mymensingh distributing saplings among Ansars recently. — Star photo

Civic amenities absent at town in Dinajpur

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Sept 13: The people of Birol thana town in Dinajpur district have been facing manifold problems due to lack of civic amenities for a long time.

According to the informed sources, paucity of drinking water, absence of drainage system, deplorable condition of roads and lanes, shortage of accommodation, mosquito menace and lack of recreational facilities have been prevailing in the town causing untold sufferings to the residents.

Moreover, frequent power failure and inadequate street lights have aggravated the situation. The town plunges into darkness after sundown almost every day giving rise to anti-social activities.

Most of the roads of the thana are kutcha. Cracks and potholes have developed at many points. Due to lack of proper drainage system, the roads become muddy and slippery even after slight rainfall. Water remains stagnant on the roads causing untold sufferings to the pedestrians and vehicular activities.

On the other hand, dirty roadside ditches filled with filth and garbage have turned into mosquito breeding centres. Mosquito menace has

made life miserable and it has become impossible to work at night. Students are the worst sufferers who face extreme troubles in preparing their lessons.

The fish and vegetable markets in the town are in very bad shape causing unbearable sufferings to the buyers and sellers.

The unhygienic condition of the hotels and restaurants is posing threat to the public health. Adulterated foodstuffs are freely sold in the open places of the thana which are ignored and left unchecked.

Construction of houses is not increasing according to the growing demand. Officials and other employees of various departments are facing problems due to acute shortage of accommodation.

Recreational facilities are completely absent excepting a cinema hall. Necessity of a park is keenly felt. Sports activities in the town have received a setback in recent times. The conservancy service of the thana areas is not at all satisfactory. There is no public toilet or urinal in the town area. Absence of waiting shed at Birol Bus Stand is causing much trouble to the travellers especially during summer and rainy season.



GAZIPUR: The military museum at Rajbari under Gazipur is now on the verge of extinction due to lack of proper maintenance. — Star photo