

## District roundup

## SATKHIRA

## Two to suffer life term for murder

From Our Correspondent  
Sept 19: Bashirul Islam, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Satkhira sentenced to two persons to life term imprisonment and fined Taka 5000 in default to suffer RI for six months more for murder recently.

The case in brief is that on January 4, 1991 one Isha Munshi (40) of Shetpur under Kaliganj thana was killed by his rival group following a dispute over toll collections. A case was lodged with Kaliganj Police Station and after investigation, police submitted chargesheet against the accused persons.

After examining the records and witnesses, the learned judge awarded life term to A Sabur and Akbar Sarder while Haider, Sirajul, Wahed and Akbar were acquitted.

## NARAYANGANJ

## Shapla executive committee

From Our Correspondent  
Sept 19: A 23-member executive committee of "Shapla", a local cultural organisation was formed here recently.

Bangsh Shaha and Ziaul Islam Kazzal were elected as President and Secretary respectively.

Other office-bearers are: Vice Presidents — Habibur Rahman Badal, Amirul Bahar Chowdhury, Bhabani Shanker Roy, Executive Secretary — SM Rumi, Cultural Secretary — Shandip Sen, Finance Secretary — Zamirul Islam, Office and Publicity Secretary — Siddharth Sarker Roy, Sports and Social Welfare Secretary — Habib Al Hasib.

The members are: Ranjit, Mujumder, Kashem, Jamal, Fazlul Haque, Rafiqul Rabbi, Muzibul Haque Kabir, Shahnaz Tara, Bipasha Akhter, Parimal Shaha, Hashim Mahmud, Utam Shaha and Shantaz Begum.

## BRAHMANBARIA

## Seminar on journalism held

From Our Correspondent  
Sept 19: Local Press Club organised a seminar on "Journalism — for the welfare of the people" here recently.

Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) President Rezauddin Ahmed and BFUJ Secretary General Amanullah Kabir, Acting President of National Press Club Syed Abdul Khair, General Secretary Shawkat Mahmood, DUJ Secretary Atif Mahmood, eminent journalists Gias Kamal Chowdhury and Aziz Misir of Dainik Banglar Bani, Deputy Commissioner Khabiruddin and Police Super MD. Nurul Anwar were present at the seminar.

Local Press Club President Mohammad Musa presided over the seminar. It was addressed among others by Abdul Qudus Mahkan, Hamidul Haque Tuku, Monsur Kamal, Sadique Rahman, Pijosh Kanti Achary.

## JAMALPUR

## Villagers round up notorious cowlifter

From Our Correspondent  
Sept 19: Villagers rounded up a notorious cowlifter Mukhbul Hossain from Roushanathpur village under Sadar thana recently.

Later, they handed him over to the police.

Another report says: Local non-government primary teachers association submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner to press home for their 5-point demands recently.

Earlier, a meeting was held at local Primary Teachers' Institute with Abdus Sattar in the chair.

## KISHOREGANJ

## Body recovered

From Our Correspondent  
Sept 19: Nandail Police recovered the body of Saraj Ali (32) from Chenguakhal in village Moazempur under Nandail thana recently.

Deceased Saraj Ali hails from village Naori in Ishwardiganj thana. Relatives of the victim, informed that, at the night of incident some people known to him called him out of the house on plea of attending in a village arbitration since then, he had been missing.

The body was sent to the morgue of Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital for post-mortem. A case was registered with Nandail Police station in this connection and none has yet been arrested.

## KUSHTIA

## Law, order situation reviewed

Sept 19: The monthly meeting of the law and order committee was held here on Thursday to review the situation, reports UNB.

The meeting expressed satisfaction over police action in Dhaka University during which huge arms and ammunitions were recovered.

Meanwhile, when the meeting was going on, two group of student activists brought out two separate processions in the local government college premises. They chased each other and one student was injured in the incident.

Police rushed to the college campus and raided the halls. They arrested four students and recovered considerable quantity of deadly weapons.

Anti-terrorism ordinance was hailed by different political, business, cultural and social organisations.

## CHUADANGA

## Call to follow ideals of prophet

From Our Correspondent  
Sept 19: The holy Eid-e-Miladun Nabi was observed throughout Chuadanga district with due religious fervor.

In connection with the observance of the day, local Islamic Foundation took out a six-day programme.

The programme included kerat, azaan, galal and Islamic sangket competition, discussion meeting and essay competition.

Most of the competitions were held at the auditorium of local Islamic Foundation.

Milad mahfils and discussion meetings were also arranged by the local socio-cultural and political organisations to mark the day.

The speakers in the discussion meeting stressed the need for following the ideals of Hazrat Mohammad Mostafa (SM) in all sphere of life with a view to building up a peaceful society.

## BARISAL

## Fire arms recovered: 105 held

From Our Correspondent  
Sept 19: Patuakhali district police arrested 105 persons on various charges and recovered one 303 rifle, one country made pipe gun, three sophisticated pipeguns and 7 rounds of ammunition through month long 'Operation August '92'.

Besides, Borguna district police arrested 63 persons and recovered one pipegun. One DBBL gun and four rounds of ammunition through 'Operation August '92'.

Another report adds: The Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives has undertaken a programme of developing slum areas with the financial assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Borguna district.

## MYMENSINGH

## College student crushed under wheels

From Our Correspondent  
Sept 19: One Ramjan Ali (20), a college student was crushed under the wheels of a Netrokona-bound minibus (Gazipur-Bha-14) on Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway at Baltali Bridge near Chorkhy Bazar under Katwali thana recently.

The victim died on the spot.

A case was filed with the Kotwali thana in this connection.

In another incident, one Bilal Hossain (9) was run over by a Dhaka-bound minibus and died on the spot on Dhaka-Mymensingh road at Baltali under Kotwali thana recently.

## MAULVIBAZAR

## BSD workers' meet held

From Our Correspondent  
Sept 19: A workers' meeting of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, the student wing of Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) was held recently with its district leader Bodrul Hussain in the chair.

Mostafa Kamal, Central Vice-President of the organisation attended the meeting as chief guest.

A nine-member executive committee was also formed in the meeting for the Maulvibazar district branch of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front with Badrul Hussain as President and Juned Ahmed as General Secretary.



NATORE : Prof Dr M A Bari, Vice-Chancellor, National University, Dhaka speaking as chief guest at 15-day-long holy Sheeratonabi function held here at local Islami Foundation auditorium recently.

## Pilferage of diesel from rail engines rampant

## From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Sept 19: Pilferage of diesel from rail engines at Ishardi, Parbatipur, Santahar, Kaunia and Bonapara railway stations is rampant.

According to a reliable source, some dishonest railway employees disconnect their electric supply every night for a certain period to help the illegal activities at those railway stations.

Besides, the darkness helps pick pockets, snatchers to carry on their business fearlessly. Passengers specially the females on different routes at those railway stations are being harassed by antisocial elements, it is complained.

The railway authorities are not taking any steps against such illegal activities.

Moreover, illegal toll collection by some young people has created panic among the people.

## Building materials costly

The construction and repairing works of rural houses in Dinajpur district is being hampered due to scarcity of house building materials like C I sheets, cement, bamboo, straw and rope.

Prices of building materials in the district went up by 29 to 25 per cent. The people of rural areas of Chirirbandar, Birganj, Birol, Bochaganj,

## Dowry seekers active

Another report says: Hundreds of guardians are unable to arrange marriages of their daughters because of bridegrooms high dowry demand in the district.

According to a reports,

more than 50,000 young girls in Dinajpur district, most of them belong to poor farmers families are facing obstacles because of the excessive demand of dowry.

The financial condition of the guardians of the unfortunate girls has deteriorated to a large extent.

The government has also increased the prices of agricultural inputs which have now gone beyond the purchasing capacity of the poor farmers.

On the other hand, the prices of jute and other agricultural products have gone down. The price of chemical fertilizers exceeded 40 times than that of the pre-liberation period. A shallow tubewell is selling now at Taka 50,000 against Taka 10,000 a few years back.

Namir Ali of village Mahadanga in Birol thana told this correspondent that he could not arrange marriage of his three daughters because of bridegrooms high dowry demand.

He said, the government has introduced anti-dowry act but it remains confined within the books.

The authorities concerned have been urged to take necessary steps to enforce the anti-dowry act so that the guardians of young girls can get rid of this social evil.

## Works on 4 FP centres completed

MAGURA, Sept 19: Construction work has been completed of four maternity cum family planning centres in four district headquarters of Jessore region at a total cost of Taka 2.60 crore, reports UNB.

Sources said, these centres have been constructed under Annual Development Programme of last fiscal year in Magura, Jhenidah, Narail and Jessore town.

It is expected that these centres will improve birth control, family planning and maternity facilities in the region.

Bangladesh Communist Party leaders expressed deep concern at the prevailing law and order situation and demanded immediate arrest of the killers of Ratan Sen.

Speakers at a public meeting here also demanded implementation of the people's court verdict and ban on Jamaat-Shibir-Juba Command politics.

The meeting held at Raghaddair in Sadar thana was presided over by Rowshan Ali

## Statue of Bishnu recovered

DINAJPUR, Sept 19: A precious stone statue of Bishnu weighing about two and a half maunds was recovered from a village of sadar thana on Friday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, Bangladesh Rifles raided the village Patgaon and recovered the statue hidden in underground.

The value of the statue is about Taka 50 lakh and it was suspected that the statue was kept there to be smuggled out to India by an organised gang.



GAZIPUR: Joydevpur police recently arrested two women child-lifters with two victims from Baghia village under the sadar thana.

## Notes from Bogra

## From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, Sept 19: The Divisional Judge of Rajshahi convicted Mijanur Rahman and Abdul Hamid of Bogra on charge of misappropriation of bank money and sentenced them to suffer two years rigorous imprisonment (RI) each and fined Taka 5000 each in default to suffer six months more.

The case in brief is that Mijanur Rahman and Abdul Hamid of Sonali Bank, Gohali Road branch misappropriated Taka three lakh. After investigation police submitted chargesheet against them.

## Course on breastfeeding concludes

A three-day-long doctors and nurses training course on breastfeeding jointly organised by Bogra government Baby Friendly Hospital and Campaign for Promoting and Protection of Breastfeeding (CPPBF) in cooperation with UNICEF was concluded at Bogra Medical College Gallery recently.

This training programme is the first of its kind in the country where nine doctors and 21 staff nurses of Bogra took part in the training course.

Inaugural ceremony of the training programme was presided over by Principal of Bogra Medical College, Dr Mahfuzul Haque.

## 28 fire arms recovered, 967 held

Bogra police arrested 967 persons and recovered 28 fire arms from different parts of the district in last one month.

They recovered about 100 rounds of ammunition, 21 pipe guns, two Chinese rifles, two revolvers, one pistol and two guns— during 'Operation August '92'.

## Workshop on aquaculture held

A two-day-long divisional workshop on Trickle down system of aquaculture extension jointly organised by Fisheries Directorate and Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) and UNDP was held here at Rural Development Academy (RDA) recently.

A total of 55 participants including high officials of fisheries department of Rajshahi Division attended the workshop.

Inaugural session of the workshop was presided over by Deputy Director of Fisheries, Rajshahi Division, S I Khan while fisheries extension experts Delip Kumar and Dr Anwarul Karim of FAO and UNDP were the chief and special guests respectively. Dr Ashraf Uddin Ahmed, Director General of RDA was also present at the workshop.

## Election of 9 UP from Oct. 3

Election of nine union parishads of four thanas of Bogra district will be held from October 3 to 10.

A total of 59 chairmen and 246 member candidates submitted their nomination papers. The nomination papers of 54 and 225 candidates of chairmen and members were found valid.

The union parishads are: Fapora, Aria and Lahiripara of Sadar thana, Khamarkandi of Sherpur thana, Kalarpara and Dhunut of Dhunut thana, Shariakandi Bohal and Kamalpara of Shariakandi thana.

## Aman paddy under pest attack

Aman paddy on about one lakh acres of land have been attacked by pests in all 11 thanas of the district.

The pests are locally known as majra poka and pamri poka. Due to unprecedented drought, the cultivation of aman paddy was delayed this year. At the growing stage pests have already attacked a large area.

According to Agricultural Department 281463 acres of land were brought under aman cultivation during the current season.

It is informed that in many cases pesticide failed to control pests. The pesticides purchased from local market are adulterated, it is reported.

## One killed in road mishap

HABIGANJ, Sept 19: A man was killed under the wheels of a speeding bus on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at Madhabpur thana of the district, police said here today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the victim Abu Mia (28) of village Shampur of Madhabpur thana was run over by a Dhaka-bound coach Tuesday. He was found dead after being taken to the thana health complex.

After the accident, the driver of the bus surrendered to the Madhabpur thana police. A case has been filed with the police.

## BKB closes down zonal offices in seven dists

PATUAKHALI, Sept. 19: Zonal offices of Bangladesh Krishi Bank located at Barisal, Khulna, Dhaka, Mymensingh, Comilla, Sylhet and Chittagong have been closed, bank sources said, reports UNB.

The decision to wind up the zonal offices was taken by the board of directors of the bank in its 158th meeting held recently at Dhaka.

Sources said the functions and responsibilities of the zonal offices would be taken over by its divisional offices.

The employees of the zonal offices would be distributed to other offices according to requirements, they said.

The decision would streamline the work to reduce expenditure and eliminate unnecessary duplication of functions, the sources added.

Nine projects were implemented in Dashedina thana of the district under the Food for Works Programme in the last fiscal year, sources said.

About 300 metric tons of wheat were utilised for execution of the projects. Many landless and distressed people got job opportunities with the implementation of the development projects.

The projects included construction of embankments, reclamation of derelict ponds and development work in the educational institutions of the thana.

## Rangpur to be developed as modern town

RANGPUR, Sept 19: Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda said, the government was determined to develop Rangpur as a modern district town, reports UNB.

Addressing a public meeting here Wednesday Huda said, present BNP government would fulfil all its commitments to the people and establish rule of law in the society.

The Minister criticised the opposition parties saying they were not cooperating with the government. Instead, he said they were instigating violence to prevent the elected government from fulfilling its commitments.

The meeting was presided

by Mohammad Yahya, president local unit to BNP while Noor Md Mondol, Rahimuddin-Varsaha, Advocate Rana, Shah Md Emdadul addressed the meeting.

Another report adds: Police recovered the body of a young house wife from a cluster village at Sheengdha in Niphamari Sadar thana recently.

The victim was identified as a Rabeya Khatun (20), wife of Abdul Hye of the same village.

Police said the body bore several cut marks.

The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy.

A case was lodged with local police in this connection.



SYLHET : Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet speaking at a reception according to the meritorious students arranged by the Shilpa Coaching Centre held here recently.

## Tk 1.26 cr for development of Paura areas

MANIKGANJ, Sept 19: Various development programmes have been taken under Manikganj pourashava at a cost of Tk. 1.26 crore, reports UNB.

The infrastructural development project has been financed by the Asian Development Bank during the current fiscal year.

Road construction, adequate water supply, proper sanitation, re-excavation of ditch and other civic amenities will be fulfilled on completion of the projects.

Police arrested 57 persons on charge of robbery from Shibaya and Sadar thana areas during its special drive in August last.

Huge arms and ammunition like kiriche, dagger, 12 rounds of bullets, pipe guns and cut rifles were also recovered from different parts of the area.

Among the arrested persons, 27 were notorious criminals while ten other were sea pirates.

Dacoity and criminal cases have been filed against them with the local thana.

Another report adds: Champa Begum (22) of Rupsha village is fighting for her life at Shibaya Health Complex with acid burns allegedly inflicted by her husband.

Police and local people said the victim's husband Hazrat Ali threw acid on her face early hours Monday.

## Housewife commits suicide

HABIGANJ, Sept 19: A housewife allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at village Joypur of Madhabpur thana of the district, reports UNB.

Police sources said, Ayesha Khatun (20) had been married to Hamidur Rahman of village Beguna.

But she had been living with her parents complaining of physical torture by the husband who had three wives.

## Six smugglers to suffer 3 yrs RI each

COMILLA, Sept 19: Six people were convicted for smuggling and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for three years each by the Additional Sessions Judge recently, reports UNB.

The accused persons were Mahmud Hossain, Nurul Afzar, Abdul Haq, Shafiqur Rahman, Rafiqul Islam and Fazul Haq.

The judge in his verdict stated that the accused persons were found guilty after a long hearing of the case.

The verdict said they would be required to undergo imprisonment for three years and pay a fine of Taka 1,000 each and in case of default they would have to suffer another six months RI.

According to the case, BDR petrol team on way to Shaharati found a loaded truck heading towards Laksham and signalled it to stop.

But ignoring the signal, the truck fled away. BDR personnel chased and seized it near Varna bazar. They caught the accused red handed along with 82 gunny bags full of Indian goods including onion and garlic.

A case was filed with

Laksham thana in this connection on July 7, 1991. Police submitted chargesheet against the arrested after investigation.

Nine witnesses were examined in the case. Special PP Atiqul Islam represented plaintiff while Badal Chandra Ghosh defended the accused.

Two persons have been hospitalised with serious injuries from a road accident at Jalarganj bus stand in the district.

The accident occurred on September 8 when a motorcyclist, Shafiqul Islam hit a pedestrian while overtaking a bus. Both of them received serious injuries in the accident.

Another report adds: Four poisonous snakes have been caught by a snake charmer from the house of Yunus Mia of Jalarganj.

The poisonous snakes were stated to be cobras — two of them black.

Another report adds: A young man Abdul Halim (35) was stabbed to death allegedly by a local mastan at Shamsangacha of the town recently.