

District roundup

GOPALGANJ

BCL (M-I) sweeps in Bangabandhu college election

From Our Correspondent
Sept 26: Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) has won the election of Government Bangabandhu College students union on September 24.

BCL won all the 17 posts in the election held peacefully. Sheikh Jamil Sarwar Jamil was elected the Vice-President while Rakib Hossain Rakib became the General Secretary and Tapan Kumar Dey (Gauranga) as the Assistant General Secretary.

BCL, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Chhatra Maitri, Gonatantrik Chhatra Oikya, Islami Chhatra Shibir and Sangrami Chhatra Samaj took part in the election.

JAMALPUR

Maid servant raped, killed

From Our Correspondent

Sept 26: One young maid servant Marjina Begum was raped and then killed by a gang of miscreants at Falltira near district town recently.

It is learnt that the miscreants took the victim forcibly near jute field while she was coming back to her house and raped her one after another. Later, they killed her on the spot.

Another report adds: One Dilip Kumar died from a snake bite while he was coming back to his house from the town here recently.

SATKHIRA

Mausumi Shishu contest concludes

From Our Correspondent

Sept 26: The Mausumi Shishu Competition under the auspices of the local Shishu Academy was held here at Sadar thana auditorium recently.

Mujibur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Satkhira inaugurated the competition as chief guest while Siraj Uddowla, ADC (General) and Khondakar Ahmed Ali, Sadar Thana Nirbahi Officer were present on the occasion as special guest.

About 200 children of six thanas of the district participated in the competition. Satkhira sadar thana, Tala and Assasanti thana became champion in debate, quiz and jargon respectively.

NATORE

Son kills mother

From Our Correspondent

Sept 26: One Jalaluddin (18) killed his 60-year-old mother in Zuzar Hat village under Sadar thana of the district recently.

According to the police, Jalaluddin was mentally retarded. The victim died on the spot and a case has been filed with Natore thana in this regard.

Another report adds: Local Islamic Foundation organised a big Islamic meeting in observance of Shera-Tun-Nabi held here at Centre Jame-Mosque recently.

Al-haj Maulana Md Abu Taher Bardhamani attended the meeting as chief guest. A K M Shamsul Alam, Professor of Rajshahi University presided over the meeting. It was addressed, among others, by Md Nazrul Islam, Md Akbar Hossain, Md Abdur Rahman.

SYLHET

Bandits swoop on coach: valuables looted

From Our Correspondent

Sept 26: Armed bandits looted valuables and cash worth about Taka two lakh from the passengers of a coach on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway recently.

According to the reports, in the night of incident, the coach named Rainbow Paribahan having started from Sylhet and was on its way to Habiganj. While it reached at near Sat-sun, a gang of armed bandits swooped on the passengers. They were in disguise of passengers. It is learnt.

They beat the passengers mercilessly and took away ornaments, cash and other valuables. Later, the bandits managed to get down at Kamachara near Dumki bridge.

A case in this connection had been registered with the police. But no arrest has yet been made, it is reported.

GAZIPUR

JCD wins Bhawal Degree College union polls

From Our Correspondent

Sept 26: Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) won the full panel in the Bhawal Degree College students union election held here on September 24.

Montruzzaman was elected the Vice-President while Awal Badal, the General Secretary. Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) also took part in the election.

BARGUNA

Kutchra latrines posing threat to public health

From Our Correspondent

Sept 26: Kutchra latrines are posing a great threat to public health in Amtali thana of the district.

Almost all the people of this thana use kutchra latrines out of their ignorance about its hazards. Even at the thana town, people show an apathy towards using sanitary latrines.

Thousands of kutchra latrines have been set up on the rivers, canals and even ponds in rural areas consequent upon constant outbreak of diarrhoeal disease.

The thana Public Health Engineering Department sources said, they had adequate stock of rings and slabs for sanitary latrines but people were least interested in taking supply of them.

It is alleged that the Health Department did not initiate any motivation programme to create public awareness about the hazards of kutchra latrines. The local Health Inspector recently demolished a kutchra latrine at the launch gate some days ago but it was later rebuilt.

SIRAJGANJ

Husband gets 7 yrs RI for attempt to kill wife

Sept 26: A young man has been sentenced to seven years rigorous imprisonment for attempting on the life of his wife, reports UNB.

Court sources said the accused Jamaluddin has also been fined Taka 5000 or in default to suffer another six months RI.

According to prosecution story, Jamaluddin of West Bankirat in Ullapara thana seriously assaulted his wife Maleka Begum (20) on December 14, 1990 following a family feud.

A case was filed and police after investigation submitted charge sheet against Jamaluddin and the Additional District Magistrate after examining the records and witnesses delivered the judgement last week.

COMILLA

Smuggled Indian sarees worth Tk 1.50 lakh seized

Sept 26: Bangladesh Rifles recovered smuggled Indian sarees worth about Taka 1.50 lakh from a house at Sujanager area of the town on Saturday last, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, a patrol party of 29th battalion raided the house and recovered the contraband item. None was arrested in this connection.

In another drive, Laksam railway police recovered 1,544 India made cocktails packed in 11 carton from Noakhali down train on Monday.

Police arrested one Rubel Shaha of Begumganj thana of Noakhali district in this connection.

CHANDPUR

Jatiya Sangbadik Samity founding anniversary

Sept 26: The first founding anniversary of the district unit of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangbadik Samity was held on Friday at the local town hall, reports UNB.

The function was attended by a leading journalist and former Director General of Bangladesh Press Institute A B M Musa as chief guest while Kamal Lohani, Director Press Institute and Gias Kamal Choudhury of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha and VOA Correspondent, Mahboob and Serajus Saleheen attended as special guests.



BOGRA: Children are at art competition arranged by Comilla Welfare Association in Bogra was held at local Vocational Teachers' Training Institute (VTTI) gallery recently. — Star photo

Erratic power supply causes huge loss to businessmen

BARGUNA, Sept 26: Frequent power disruption in the town have been causing huge loss to businessmen and residents in many ways, reports UNB.

Local elite and political leaders alleged that the students and the sick were the worst affected.

Besides, causing inconvenience to vehicular traffic, night darkness for want of street lights was fostering anti-social activities, they alleged.

Mill owners said production in mills and factories particularly in the cottage industries sector were being seriously hampered by too frequent power interruption.

Executive Engineer of the local PDB told UNB that it was a temporary phenomenon caused by a minor fault in the Barisal-Patuakhali transmission line.

He said, the situation would improve soon.

Meanwhile, local PDB authorities have disconnected over 100 power lines for non payment of arrears bills.

Large-scale and unabated use of firewood in the brickfields were threatening the afforestation programme in the district, local leaders alleged.

There are 150 brickfields in six thanas of the district which require 40,000 maunds of firewood daily.

They said these were collected mainly from the forest areas. Trees and plantations at other places were also being razed for use at the kitchen as well as for sale to the brickfields.

The tree planting programme, being implemented across the country at the government call to help protect the environment, was facing a set back due to lack of awareness and motivation of the people.

When contacted some of the brickfield owners said that non availability of coal compelled them to use firewood.

Local leaders have urged the authorities to take immediate measures to stop the use of fire-wood in the brickfields.

Looted machinery recovered

Naval coast guard have captured two pirates and recovered machinery worth about Taka 10 lakh from a trawler on the Nilganj river under Kalapara thana of Patuakhali district.

Sources said that on Wednesday, a group of navy personnel led by Lt. Shaheen Ahmed raided the FV Ibrahim Trawler and recovered the machinery which were stolen two years back.

The recovered goods include a trawler engine, a trawler, fishing nets and spare parts.

The arrested are: Shamsher Ali (30) and Abbas Ali (28). They hailed from Bamna thana of the district.

A case was registered with Kalapara police of Patuakhali district in this connection.

The old system of weights and measurement is still in practice in the hats and bazars of Sadar thana despite government directive to introduce the metric system.

Local sources said a section of unscrupulous businessmen of Amtali, Bamna, Betagi, Patharghata and Sadar thanas were cheating their customers, by sticking to the old system only in selling goods.

The make purchases in the whole-sale markets in the metric system.

Local leaders have urged the authorities to take steps to check this malpractice and defiance of the government order.

Advisory body formed to curb terrorism

COMILLA, Sept 26: Local leaders and people have formed an advisory council and a 'sardar parishad' to curb crime and terrorism in Mughultolly area of the town, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a meeting at Comilla High School compound on Friday presided over by Dr Ansar Ahmed, MP, and addressed by Zahurul Islam, Syed Abdullah Pintu and Advocate Shafulqul Islam Shikder.

Members of the Council and Parishad took formal oath pledging to work against terrorism and anti-social activities in their areas.

They urged the people to build up a united resistance

against the terrorists and anti-social elements in the area. They vowed to eliminate crimes from the area with the help of the law enforcing agencies.

They also called upon the administration to nab the criminals including toll collectors and local mastans to save the life and property of the peace-loving dwellers.

Siddique Mia of Badderkhil village has been given four years rigorous imprisonment for smuggling, court sources here said.

The court also fined him Taka 1000 or in default to suffer another six months RI.

Hilsa fish output on wane

BARGUNA, Sept 26: Hilsa fish production has been decreasing due to various reasons causing concern to fishermen and fish merchants, reports UNB.

Fish research institute sources said large scale catching of hilsa and hilsa fry with current nets, unplanned construction of dams, lack of excavation and re-excavation of rivers and the sharp fall in the water level are the main reasons behind the decline in hilsa fish output.

Sources said September and October months are the prime period for breeding hilsa when the fry start growing up in the sweet water.

About 75 per cent of the total hilsa are found in Paira, Bishkhali, Baleswar, Padma, Meghna and Jamuna rivers, but the catch is very low as water level has gone down in the main rivers.

Another reports adds: At least 10 people were injured when a group of armed youngmen attacked an anti-terrorism procession at Bamna town Thursday.

The processionists came under attack when they were about to submit a memorandum to the Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) to protest the growing trend of terrorism in the area. The miscreants used lethal weapons during the attack.

Property worth Tk 5 lakh gutted

Nine shops were burnt to ashes in a devastating fire at midnight on recently at Durgadi Bazar under Chandpur PS.

As a result, property worth about Taka five lakh were gutted.

The fire was originated from a shop by electric short-circuit.

Non-judicial stamp scarcity acute

Acute scarcity of non-judicial stamps have been reported from different thanas of the district.

A section of stamp vendors is taking advantage of the situation and they are selling stamps at a high price.

It is alleged that the vendors are not getting stamps in sufficient quantity from the local treasury office.

Eid-e-Miladunnabi observed

Eid-e-Miladunnabi was observed in a befitting manner in the district.

Different socio-cultural and religious organisations observed the day.

Under the auspices of local Islamic Foundation held a discussion meeting at Chandpur Mohila College. Hamd, Nath, Gazal and Milad Mahafiz was held at Matripith Govt. Girls' High School.

One killed, 10 hurt in road mishap

One Golam Farook Khan (25) was killed and ten other passengers were injured in a bus mishap near Mohamaya under Chandpur Sadar thana recently.

The bus was bound for Hajiganj to Chandpur. The bus was overloaded. The person killed fell down from the roof of the bus. The injured persons were admitted to Chandpur hospital.

A case has been lodged with the Chandpur police in this regard.

Catching of fish fry unabated

Fish fry are being caught indiscriminately in various parts of the district in spite of government ban on it.

It is alleged that government has banned catching fish fries below six inches with a view to increasing the fish production in the country.

It is reported huge quantity of different types of fish fries like hilsa, ruhi, katla and mrigal are being sold openly in the town markets as well as in the rural markets.

Sugarcane farming plan taken up

A scheme has been taken up to bring about fifteen thousand acres of land under sugarcane cultivation in the district during the current season.

Belkuchi health complex confirmed two deaths in Hameshpur village while three deaths were reported by the people of Daulatpur village.

The deceased were identified as Monwara Khatun (30) and her daughter Sakhina (10) of Hameshpur and three daughters of Borhanuddin of the other village.

UNB adds: A widow lost her life in Sadar thana of the district Saturday, while trying to intervene in a quarrel of her in-laws over share of brinjals.

Shanti Bibi, 55, of village Datagram died as she fell on the ground when pushed by her feuding brother-in-law during the quarrel which she tried to stop. She was the widow of the eldest of four brothers, who died sometime back.

The dispute over brinjal, the harvest from family farmland, first began between brothers Mozahar Ali and Abul Kashem. Later, their elder brother Ebarat Ali joined the fray taking said with Abul Kashem.

Kuddus, son of the deceased, filed a case with Sadar police against his two uncles Kashem and Ebarat.

The body was sent to Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

CHITTAGONG: H M Hakim Ali, Chief Executive of Hotel Agrabad is seen with Maxwell H Kingston, President AISC in recent Skal Assembly. — Star photo

Twelve committed suicide in Rangpur last week

RANGPUR, Sept 26: Twelve people including two mothers committed suicide in different thanas of the district during last week, police sources said, reports UNB.

One Ambia Khatun, wife of Shaharuddin with her one year old daughter committed suicide to get rid of starvation. She drowned herself in the pond at Dundibari village under Jalhaka thana.

One Hasina Khatun wife of Hasmat Ali, lecturer of Bangla Department of Bhurugamari Senior Madrasa committed suicide by taking insecticide.

Father of three children, Abdul Majid (38) of Hatibanda thana committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree.

Fatima (30), a house wife of Sadullapur thana committed suicide by taking insecticide following a quarrel with her brother-in-law's wife.

Kacchu Mia (55) of Sardarpara village under Uddimarti thana drowned himself in the river.

Abul Hossain (20) committed suicide by taking insecticide due to family quarrel with his uncle at Jalhulaskor, under Pirghacha thana.

A house wife Tohura Khatun (25) of Mithapukur thana drowned herself in the pond. She reportedly had a quarrel with her husband.

Dasimuddin (65), a potato seller of Mithapukur thana and Mokesur Rahman (45) an officer of Rural Development Board of Burugamari thana committed suicide by taking insecticide.

Three feared dead, two missing in boat capsized

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 26: Three people are feared dead when a boat capsized in mid Jamuna Wednesday with 140 bags of fertilizer, reports UNB.

The Meghai ghat-bound engine boat went down near Natuapara of Kaziupur thana with five passengers on board including the cargo owner Abul Khaleque, a local businessman.

Students asked to build character

MATLAB (Chandpur), Sept 26: State Minister for Establishment M D Nurul Huda today called upon the students to build their character to become ideal citizens of the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing the installation ceremony of the newly elected Matlab Degree College Students' Union at the college ground here.

Presided over by the Principal of the college Md Salam Ullah, the meeting was addressed by Alam Khan MP and local student leaders.

Better implementation of uplift projects stressed

BOGRA, Sept 25: State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman on Wednesday underscored the need for further coordination and integration among the government and the non-government organisations (NGOs) for better implementation of all development programmes, particularly family planning and literacy, reports BSS.

The State Minister was addressing as chief guest the district co-ordination workshops #2 organised by Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB), Bogra at local zila parisad conference room.

Presided over by local President of FPAB Dr. Mohammad Yasin, the workshop was addressed by the Deputy Commissioner Bogra and other family planning and FPBA officials.

Mujibur Rahman said, family planning, education and health were the most priority programmes. He said, success of these programmes depends on massive motivational work by both office and field level workers of the government and the NGOs.

Special prayer for rain

JHENIDAH, Sept : Hundreds of people from different villages of the district converged at the Kamarkundu Madrasa Maidan in sadar thana Wednesday morning for a special prayer for rain, reports UNB.

The district has been facing long persisting dry spell in the crucial period of Ropa aman. For transplantation of aman, rain water is necessary. Farming aman and jute raising are badly affected without substantial rainfall.

Farmers are passing their days with great disappointment. Due to inadequate rain water aman production will not be able to fulfil the target

30 injured in rival groups clash

MAGURA, Sept 26: At least 30 people were injured, four of them seriously, in a clash between two rival groups of people at village Chabinagar in Sreepur thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

The clash ensued over the possession of a disputed land between the feuding groups. Both the groups reportedly used lethal and sharp weapons.

Tulu Mia (30), Harun Ali, Bodar (40) and Nekbar Ali (40) were admitted to Magura and Sreepur hospitals.

Two cases were filed with the local police.

The election of district Motor Sramik Union was held at Magura Teachers Training Institute on Friday.

The election was conducted by S M Amirul Islam, Editor, Weekly Magura Barta.

S A Siddiqui and Abdul Majid elected uncontested as President and Treasurer respectively.

Other office bearers are: Baharul Islam and Rejaul Islam — Vice Presidents, Ismail Hossain — Secretary, Imdadur Rahman and Injal Hossain — Joint Secretaries, Golan Nabi — Publicity Secretary, Chand Ali — Organising Secretary.

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In one incident Shahana Parvin (18), daughter of Belayet Ali and a student of class ten of Kullia High School of Amuria village in Sadar thana while reading in her room was injured when covillager Golan Quddus (20) allegedly threw acid on her body on Tuesday night.

In another incident Shahana Begum (14), daughter of

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Huda said, students should devote themselves to enrich their knowledge.

Referring to the prevailing unrest in different educational institutions, the State Minister said that the government had already announced the measures to be taken against the institutions, students and teachers, found involved in anarchy and terrorism and creating law and order situation in the campus.

He said, the BNP government never compromises with any illegal affairs.



NARAYANGANJ: Advocate Abul Kalam, MP and the members of the local Apex Club are planting a sapling at labour welfare premises recently. — Star photo