

## District roundup

## NAOGAON

## Punishment to killer of Anjuman demanded

Sept 27: The students of local government college and Government Mohila College Monday last jointly brought out a protest procession and paraded the streets of the town demanding early punishment of the killer of Anjuman, reports UNB.

It may be mentioned that a student of Mohila College Anjuman Sultana was crushed to death under the wheels of a speeding tractor near the college eight months back.

The students have been demanding punishment of the tractor driver since then.

The processionists handed over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

## RAJSHAHI

## Indian sarees worth Tk 2.25 lakh seized

Sept 27: BDR personnel of Mirganj out post seized 750 pieces of Indian saree valued at Taka two lakh 25 thousand from Rautha area under Charchat thana of the district recently, reports BSS.

The BDR personnel led by Subedar Abdul Latif chased a boat while releasing the sarees at the river bank of the Padma. They also opened four rounds of fire when the smugglers tried to flee. However the smugglers managed to flee.

## MADARIPUR

## Inadequate street lights causing inconveniences

Sept 27: Inadequate number of street lights in poura areas has been causing great inconvenience to the town dwellers, reports UNB.

Most of the light posts with fuse or no bulbs are hampering easy movement of pedestrians and vehicles after sundown. Local people alleged that accidents are being occurred frequently after nightfall due to insufficient street light.

The town plunges into darkness after sundown giving rise of anti-social activities. Power goes off several times during the night and pedestrians, rickshaw and bus passengers are being robbed of by the miscreants in the town.

Local leaders alleged that they have urged the authorities to take immediate steps to solve the problem but no step has yet been taken in this regard.

## BARISAL

## Course for officials of credit unions concludes

Sept 27: A ten-day training course for officials of credit unions concluded at the Barisal Development Society (BDS) premises on Thursday, reports BSS.

Barisal Development Society (BDS) organised the course. It was inaugurated by Linus Adhir Das, Executive Director of BDS. The training will increase efficiencies of the officials of credit unions of the country, BDS sources said.

Twenty five officials of different credit unions of the country took part in the training course.

## MAGURA

## Farmers' rally on how to check pest, rat invasion held

Sept 27: A farmers' rally on how to check pest and rat invasion on aman paddy fields was held Monday at district Agricultural Extension Office premises, reports UNB.

Organised by the local agriculture office it was attended by the Deputy Commissioner as chief guest. About 200 farmers from four thanas attended the rally. Local agriculture officers imparted training to the farmers on how to use pesticide on the aman paddy field and check rat and pest menace.

Presided over by Abul Hossain, Deputy Director, Agricultural Extension Department, it was also addressed by Abdul Karim, Mohidul Islam, Abdul Hamid and Ahsan Ullah.

## FARIDPUR

## People urged to donate blood

Sept 27: The first founding anniversary of Sandhani Donor Club of Faridpur was observed here Sunday through discussion meeting, blood donation and a cultural function, reports BSS.

Speakers at the discussion meeting held at Faridpur Medical College auditorium lauded the role of Faridpur Sandhani Donor Club that rendered significant service by donating blood and medicines to the needy. They urged all eligible persons to participate in the voluntary blood donation programme.

Professor Enayet Kabir, Principal of Faridpur Medical College was the chief guest in the meeting. It was addressed, among others, by Deputy Commissioner K M Nurul Huda, Police Super Md Haidusuddin and Civil Surgeon Dr Kazi Syed Ahmed. The meeting was presided over by Faridpur Sandhani President Dr Mustafizur Rahman Shamim.



RIVER EROSION: Hundreds of people have become homeless by the river erosion at Mirganj Launchghat area under Babuganj thana of Pirojpur district recently. — Star photo

## Sale of adulterated items in Patuakhali unrestricted

PATUAHALI, Sept 27: Various adulterated items are being sold unabated in different markets of the district, local leaders informed, reports UNB.

Consumers said, edible oil, butter, ghee, milk, flour, honey, etc. which are found in the market are mostly adulterated. Adulterated and rotten foodstuff are also being sold in the hotels and restaurants.

Local people said, adulterated rice and cement have flooded the local markets. They also informed that some substandard and date expired medicines are being sold by the unscrupulous businessmen causing serious health hazards. Some dishonest traders are selling plain salt mixed with mud and stones in the packet of iodised salt.

The breads and biscuits which have been selling in the

markets are allegedly being produced by inferior ingredients.

Municipal corporation and the Health Department have been urged to take action against the adulterators without further delay.

The Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation has failed to achieve its target even after nine years of its establishment in the district.

About Taka 1.18 crore have been spent for land development, construction of administration building, pump house, interior roads and installation of electricity lines in the industrial estate here, since 1983.

The estate has got 79 plots. About 12 of them were allocated but only four industrial units were set up — one textile mill, one board factory, one dyeing factory and one pipe

factory.

The pipe factory is the only unit still in running condition.

Sources said that commercial banks were not coming forward to finance establishment of workshops in the estate.

A homeopath college has been inaugurated here.

The inaugural function was presided over by Dharendra Nath Paul, principal of the college. The District and Session Judge S M Abdus Samad attended the function as the chief guest while A K M Mahbul Alam, ADC (Rev) attended as the special guest.

The chief guest formally opened the classes of the homeo college and discussed various aspects of homeo treatment.

The students held a Milad Mahfil after the opening function.

## Notes from Brahmanbaria

## From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 27: Local Islamic Foundation organised a week-long Sirat mahfil here recently.

The function was presided over by Deputy Commissioner Khabiruddin Shahjahan Chowdhury, Principal of Brahmanbaria Government College and Alauddin Ahmed, General Manager (Administration) of Zia Fertilizer attended the function as special guests.

Abdul Malek and Abdul Hoque also spoke the function. Later, Deputy Commissioner Khabiruddin distributed prizes among 54 participants.

## Workers Party unit committee formed

The unit committee of district Workers Party was formed here at Alauddin Sangetangan premises recently.

Praddul Nag presided over the meeting. It was addressed among others by Khandakar Yunus Ahmed, Abdur Nur, Kazi Javed Mahmud, Md Parvez and Fazlur Rahman.

Later, a committee was formed with Kazi Javed Mahmud as its secretary. The other members are: Fazlur Rahman, Kazi Zahidul Islam (Firoz), Md Parvez, Abu Saeed Khan, Kabir Hossain, Kanu Babu and Sanjay Dev Nath.

## Rukon convention concludes

A three-day 'Rukon' convention of district Jamaat-e-Islami concluded here at its office recently.

District Amir Kazi Nazrul Islam Khadem presided over the convention while Central Organising Secretary Prof. Habbibur Rahman attended the function as chief guest.

District Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary Rustam Ali Sarker, Amjad Hussain, Musarrat Hussain and Muklesur Rahman also spoke at the function.

## Literary cultural contest held

A week-long annual literary and cultural competition was held here at Nabinagar Government College of the district recently.

The competition was inaugurated by Principal of the college Surja Kanti Das.

The function was addressed among others by Zakir Ahmed and Md Abu Kawser.

## Govt college union polls on Oct 1

The election of Brahmanbaria Government College students union will be held on October 1.

It is learnt that Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Chhatra League (M-I), Chhatra Moltree, Chhatra Union, Sangrami Chhatra Samaj and Islamic Chhatra Shibir have submitted their nomination papers.

According to Election Commissioner, all necessary measures have been taken to complete the election peacefully.

## Training course on 'Rat killing'

A training course on 'Rat killing' organised by Sadar Thana Agriculture Extension Department was held here recently.

The course was formally inaugurated by Sadar Thana Nirbahi Officer and President of Sadar Thana Rat Killing Committee Md Enamul Haque.

The function was addressed among others by district Agriculture Officer Siddiqur Rahman, Md Anisuddin, Ahsanul Hoque Chowdhury, Tamizuddin Ahmed, Amitab Paul and Md A Samad.

Seventy six block supervisors participated in the programme.

## Tree plantation programme inaugurated

Deputy Commissioner Khabiruddin inaugurated a two-mile (Dharhar to Gangasagar) roadside tree plantation programme planting a sapling organised by Akhaura Thana Agriculture Extension Department recently.

The function was presided over by Mahub Chowdhury, Chairman, Dharhar Union Parishad. Deputy Commissioner Khabiruddin attended the function as chief guest while district Assistant Conservator of Forest (ACF) Mozammel Hoque as special guest.

Among others Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) A M Wadud, Agriculture Officer Shahidullah, Social Welfare Officer Mustafa Talukdar, RDO Ali Hossain, Officer-in-Charge (OC) Faiz Ahmed, Assistant Commissioner (Land) Zakir Hussain, subject matter officer Kabir Hussain, Liaquat Ali, Gangasagar Union Parishad Chairman Md Munir Hussain and Maniand Union Parishad Chairman Md A Wahab Miah attended in the function.

## Sugarcane on 800 acres under pest attack

GAZIPUR, Sept 27: Sugarcane plants on about 800 acres of land in Sreepur, Kapasia and Sadar thanas have been attacked by pests, reports UNB.

According to the local farmers, with the attack the sugarcane plants turn yellowish and its green leaves dry up gradually. They alleged that conventional method of spraying pesticides produced no results. Meanwhile, fox menace has been causing extensive damage to the standing crops which compelled the farmers to harvest the immature sugarcane to sell them at a lower price in the market.

When contacted agriculture officials said steps are underway to combat the pest menace.

Valuables worth about Taka 2.27 lakh were gutted in a devastating fire at a house in Khailpara village of Kaliakoir

thana, police here said.

Owner of the house Fazul Hoque received serious burn injuries and was admitted to the thana health complex.

According to witnesses the fire originating from the kitchen soon engulfed the adjacent areas and gutted three dwelling houses on September 20. It was suspected the house was set on fire by the rival group of the houseowner.

Another report adds: Consumers' Association of Bangladesh, Kaliakoir unit, held a meeting at Kaliakoir bus stand on Wednesday protesting the killing of Farhad Hossain by the assailants.

They demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the killers of Farhad, a second year student of Dhaka College, who was beaten to death at Bakushah Hawkers' Market.

## Barisal Divisional Hqs to be set up at Ichhakathi

BARISAL, Sept 27: The selection committee has decided to establish the permanent office of the Commissioner of the newly created Barisal Division at Ichhakathi, about three kilometres from here, reports BSS.

Until then the Commissioner's Office will sit at old Sadar Hospital premises (old High Court), official sources said.

Besides, old Collectorate Building of Barisal Irrigation Project (BIP) office will be renovated for the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police, the source said.

The Public Works Department (PWD) will start renovation work next month for the temporary accommodation of the Commissioner and the DIG of Police.

The new Barisal Division will comprise 39 thanas, 320 unions, 3,206 mauzas and ten paurashavas, the population of

the division is 72,68,647 including 35,38,289 female, according to the latest census.

Another report says: A meeting of the district test relief coordination committee of Barisal district was held here recently with State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Eunus Khan in the chair.

The meeting was informed that a total of 813 metric tons of foodgrains was allocated for implementation of different projects under test relief thanas of the districts.

The meeting discussed various issues relating to these projects and took some important decisions.

Among others, Mosharraf Hossain, MP was present.

Another report adds: A five-day training programme for women on social afforestation concluded at the Rakudia village under Babuganj thana of Barisal district recently.

## Shows of obscene films unabated in Sherpur

SHERPUR, Sept 27: Indiscriminate exhibition of foreign and obscene films openly has propped up the trend of social and moral degradation of the young in the district, reports UNB.

Video shop owners and unscrupulous businessmen of the locality are allegedly offering shows of pornographic films on commercial basis.

Guardians and conscientious people feared that these films were imposing bad influence on the youth encouraging

them to be engaged in anti-social activities and resort to taking drugs and liquor.

The school students often drop classes and assemble to have a enjoy these films, displayed like mini-cinema halls in the shops and bazars, guardians alleged.

Meanwhile, the demand for these films have increased in many villages.

The conscious people of the locality have urged the authorities to take immediate steps to stop the illegal show of these films.

## Call to follow ideals of Prophet Muhammad

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 27: A Siratunnabi discussion on the life and teachings of great Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM) was held here under the auspices of Narayanganj Islami Jubo Sangha at Mission Para Friday evening, reports BSS.

Eminent journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury was the chief guest while Sirajul Islam MP and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad were special guests on the occasion. Iqbal Ahmed, president of the organisation, presided over the meeting.

Gias Kamal Chowdhury called upon the people to groom up their lives with the ideals of Islam to achieve peace and happiness in society.

Only the inculcation the glorious teachings of Islam as enunciated by the great prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM) could help up to get rid of the present strife-ridden world, he added.

He said, the present human civilisation owed much to Islam for its unprecedented contributions in the fields of science, literature and technology.

He alleged that the state-owned radio and television were not playing their due role to project the true spirit of Islam.

He urged the broadcasting authorities to project the cultural heritage of Islam highlighting its historical achievements which developed Islamic civilisation in the world.

Chowdhury strongly condemned the barbaric atrocities being perpetrated on the Muslims of Bosnia and Herzegovina and urged the UN to stop it and restore peace there.

Sirajul Islam stressed the need for the reflections of the Islamic ideals in our deeds, thoughts and behaviour. Unless we follow the Islamic values and norms our existence would be at stake, he added.

Another report says: The five-day long holy Siratunnabi function

was held recently at the premises of local town hall.

State Minister for Relations Affairs M A Mannan was chief guest at the concluding day function and distributed prizes among the winners of cultural competition organised jointly by Islamic Foundation, Mymensingh and district administration.

Presided over by A F M Matur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner and Chairman Siratunnabi celebration committee, the concluding function, was addressed among others by A K M Fazul Huq MP, Principal Rezaul Karim, and Mansurul Huq Khan, Director General, Islamic Foundation Bangladesh.

Mannan in his speech said that the present government has given much stress on religious education and is determined to start 'Maqtab' attached to each mosque in the country.

## Jute growers facing losses

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 27: Jute cultivation is decreasing in 16 northern districts as growers are facing losses in the local hat and bazars, reports UNB.

They were selling their products below production cost to the farias and beries at Tk 150 to 200 per maund, according to a study report.

It has been alleged that taking advantage of the situation, the middlemen were exploiting the helpless growers forcing them to leave the project for Aus and Aman paddy cultivation, which is said to be more profitable.

Growers have urged the authorities to look into the matter and take steps for ensuring fair price for their goods.



RANGPUR: Sigma Huda, Secretary General of the Bangladesh Human Rights Implementation Sangstha speaking at a seminar held here at the Town Hall under the auspices of the district branch of the Sangstha recently. — Star photo

## Anti-terrorism steps taken to ensure peace, discipline

RAJSHAHI, Sept 27: State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Aminul Haque on Saturday said, the BNP government had undertaken necessary measures for curbing violent activities to ensure peace and discipline in the country, reports BSS.

He said, effective steps had also been adopted to keep the educational institutions free from terrorism and establish congenial atmosphere.

The state minister was addressing a public meeting at Kakonhat High School premises under Godagari thana of the district.

Presided over by Godagari thana BNP president Aminul Islam Punjab, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Azizur Rahman, MP and District Jatiyatabadi Samik Dal president Anwar Hossain.

Haque said, peace, discipline and stability is the precondition to accelerating

the pace of development. The government is committed to establish rule of law for ensuring order in the society for which it was voted to power, he added.

Listing various on going development programmes of the government in the area, the state minister said Barind Project was being implemented at a cost Taka 350 crore to boost food production. Under the programme one thousand tubewells had also been sunk and 21 lakh saplings had been planted, he added.

The newly elected chairman and members of Pakri Union under Godagari thana joined BNP at the meeting imbued with the ideals of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman.

Another reports from Chandpur adds: State Minister for Establishment Nurul Huda said here on Saturday that the government, guardians and

general students wanted to see timely completion of the academic session.

For this congenial environment in the educational institutions was imperative, he asserted.

Huda was addressing a freshers' reception of the Chandpur Government College held at the college ground.

Presided over by the Principal of the college Md Matur Rahman, the meeting was also addressed, among others, by Professor Md Abdullah MP, Md Alam Khan MP and Mollah Siddiqur Rahman, convenor of district BNP.

The state minister said, terrorism should not be the part of the normal life of the youths as it could ruin them as well as the society. So, the government had enacted the Anti-terrorism Ordinance, he said.



NARAYANGANJ: The local people of Talah under Fatullah thana caught red-handed five rickshaw lifters with three stolen rickshaws recently. — Star photo

## KUSHTIA

## Miscreants kill Ganatantra Party leader

Sept 27: One Moazzem Hossain (45) leader of Ganatantra Party of Mondhardi Union Parishad of Kushtia sadar thana was allegedly killed by unknown assailants recently, reports BSS.

It is reported that he was attacked by miscreants with deadly weapon when he was coming back home from a 'salish' meeting. He died immediately after the attack. His postmortem was done at Kushtia General Hospital.

A condolence meeting was held at Kushtia Ganatantra Party office. It was presided over by Syed Zahed Rumi Vice President Kushtia unit. The meeting condemned the killing and demanded punishment to the culprits.

## MYMENSINGH

## Seminar on crop science ends

Sept 27: A seminar on crop science was held at the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) recently under the auspices of the Crop Science Society of Bangladesh (CSSB), reports BSS.

Dr G A Fakir, Professor in the Department of Plant Pathology gave a resume on the first international congress of crop science held recently in Town, a USA. He suggested a linkage between the universities of USA and BAU.

Prof M Abdul Haque, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture presided over the seminar. Those who took part in the question-answer session included Prof L Rahman, Prof M I Hossain, Prof M Idris, Dr M B Meah and M R Karim.

## JHENIDAH

## Student, housewife killed in road mishaps

Sept 27: A school student and a housewife of Harinakundu thana under the district were killed and two others were seriously injured in two separate road mishaps recently, reports BSS.

Police and witnesses said that the victim Asadul Haq a student of class nine of Rishkhali High School, died on the spot when a truck ran over him near Rishkhali. Asadul was knocked down from his bicycle and rammed by the truck.

A Jessore bound truck dashed a rickshaw van near Jhenidah Cadet College killing one Karimunnissa (34) of village Durlabpur under Harinakundu thana recently. Two other persons including the husband of Karimunnissa received serious injuries.

## JAMALPUR

## Football tourney to popularise FP activities

Sept 27: District Family Planning Department launched a football tournament to popularise family planning activities through sports, reports BSS.

Jalal Ahmed, Deputy Commissioner formally inaugurated this tournament at Nekjahan High School ground under Ilampur thana recently.

A total eight team of the district are taking part in the competition.

A similar tournament was held in Sherpur. The final match of the tournament held at Taraganj High School ground recently.

Nabarupi Krira Sanskritik Gushthi beat Jubo Muslim Sangha by 5-3 goals. Serajul Haque, Deputy Minister, Health and Family Planning distributed prizes among the winners.