District roundup

NARAYANGANJ

Anti-terrorism ordinance hailed

Sept 29: The Narayanganj district unit of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal brought out a massive procession on Sunday hailing the antiterrorism ordinance, reports

The students carrying banners and placards shouted slogans against terrorism and toll extortionists.

The procession which started from Tolarma Government College paraded the main thoroughfares of the town and later submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

The procession was led by Mobarak Hossain, President Narayanganj district unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

COMILLA

Workshop on increased coordination held

Sept 29: A one-day-long workshop on increased coordination between government and non-government organisa tions working in field level of Family Planning Department was held at Zilla Parishad auditorium Sunday, reports UNB.
Organised by local unit of

Family Planning Association it was presided over by Dr Zobaida Hannan while Razaul Karim, Additional District Magistrate attended as chief

Fifty-six participants from the Family Planning Department, a good number of NGO representatives and local journalists participated in the workshop.

Dr Jahangir, Mokkaram Hossain, Shafi Majumdur also spoke on the occasion.

The speakers stressed the need for coordinated efforts to check the population boom in the country.

JHENIDAH

Villagers foil dacoity bid

Sept 29: Villagers have foiled a dacoity attempt catch ing one dacoit alongwith a gun and 6 cartridges at Baruria in Kaliganj thana, reports UNB.

According to police, a gang of dacoits were working out plans to commit dacotty near the village on Wednesday. Alcrted by an informer, the villagers gathered together and encircled the bush in which the gang was located.

Reajul Islam (27) of Narangali in Jessore was caught while others managed to escape. He was handed over to the police.

Another report adds: One person was killed by some armed miscreants in broad day light in the district on Thurs-

The victim was identified as idris Ali (35) of Anipur village of Shatlakupa thana.

Police said, Idris, a pump

driver was taking tea at a tea stall from where miscreants dragged him to a nearby field and slaughtered him.

Police said that personal enmity might be the reason behind the murder. The body was sent to morgue for au-

AGRI-VARSITY

Seminar on research progress concludes

Sept 29: A 5-day seminar on Agricultural University research progress during 1991-1992 under the joint auspices of the varsity research system and the committee for advanced studies and research was inaugurated at the Zainul Abedin auditorium on Tuesday. reports UNB.

The Vice-Chancellor Prof Asraf Ali in his address as chief guest said that the success of agricultural research depended mostly on the development of transferable agrotechnologies.

Stressing the importance of proper maintenance of ecological and environmental bal ances in our country he said. "it is imperative to undertake research projects to achieve the goals of sustainable agricultural development."

Prof Monwar Ahmed, Direcof Research Centre presided over the inaugural session which was also attended by Dr Hamid Mia, Member Director of Planning and Evaluation Division, BARC. as the special guest, says a

press release. Dr Hamid gave a brief overview on yarious aspects of strategic plan for agricultural research in Bangladesh by

The five-day long evaluation workshop consists of 25 technical sessions where a total of 154 research reports will be presented.

MANIKGANJ

Officials asked to implement test relief works properly

Sept 29: Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan has urged the concerned district officials to discharge their dutics with sincerity and honesty for effective implementation of the test relief work, reports

He was presiding over the meeting of the Manikgonj district test relief coordination committee at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner's office on Sunday.

He said that effective implementation of the test relief work would provide job to the jobless people and also would keep positive contribution to the development of the rural

The meeting had detail discussion about the test relief projects of the seven thanas of the district. The meeting decided that a total of 181 projects of the district would be implemented against the allocated 407 metric tons of Deputy Commissioner and

other official members of the committee attended the meet

KUSHTIA

Police recover mutilated body

Sept 29: Police recovered mutilated body of an unidentified person from a jungle of Kaburhat village of Sadar thana on Saturday, reports UNB.

Police suspected that the victim was killed by the assailants due to persons enmity. A case has been filed with the

Another report adds: A stu dent leader was wounded by gun shots by some unknown assailants at Bheramara on Fri-

The victim Asaduzzaman. student of Amla Government Collage and a member of the Chhatra Dal convening committee of the college was shot at when he was going to his village home at Bheramara.

He was rushed to the Kush tia General Hospital in a critical condition.

BARISAL

6 judges appointed for curbing terrorist activities

Sept 29 : Six sessions judges of six southern district under the proposed Barisal division have been appointed judges of the tribunals consti tuted for curbing terrorist activities in the areas, reports

They are sessions judges of Barisal, Jhalakati, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patuakhali and Barguna According to an official source, government has constituted one tribunal each for these

The sessions judges will also run their normal duties in their respective districts, the source added

SIRAJGANJ Football tourney to popularise FP activities

From Our Correspondent Sept 29: District level inter

- than football competition of Family Planning Department was concluded recently at Belkuchi Alhaj Seddique High School field.

Belkuchi Thana Eleven won the championship trophy beating Chowhali Thana Eleven by 3-1 goals. More than 15 thousands enjoyed the match.

Deputy Commissions A Z R Shafigul Islam distributed prizes among the participants. Among others, Samsul Alam, Deputy Director of Family Planning spoke on the occasion. A total of eight thana level teams participated in the football competition since

MAULVIBAZAR

September 14 past.

Khelaghor Asar's founding anniversary observed

From Our Correspondent 'Sept 29 : A cultural function organised by Shubho-Deep Khelagor Asar, Maulvibazar in observance of 40th founding anniversary of Kendrio Khe-

PTI auditorium recently. Children's competition on paintings, songs, dance, debate and recitation were the main attraction of the function.

laghor Asar was held at local

Maya Wahed, acting-Superintendent of Primary Training Institute (PTI) of Maulvibazar gave away prizes among the



The modern office building of the Barisal Pourashava.

- Star Photo

Barisal Pourashava to become corporation by January next

By Aroop Talukder

Pourashava which was established in 1869 is going to be a corporation with the set up of divisional headquarters at the town by January, 1993.

It can be mentioned here that the government has decided to form a new division with its headquarters at Barisal town and in the meantime the preparatory works have already been started.

The pourashava has recently taken up a plan to extend its area to 37.50 square kilometre from the present area of 25 of squire kilometre.

Over three lakh people are now residing in eight wards of the pourashava. There are 126 kilometre of pucca, semipucca and 40.37 kilometre of kancha roads in the pourashava area. It has 15-kilometre of pueca and 46.20 kilometre kancha There are 49 pucca bridges

and pools, 42 culverts, nine hats and bazars, eight ponds, two bus terminals, two super markets, one new market, 436 stalls in the poura area. The present Administrator,

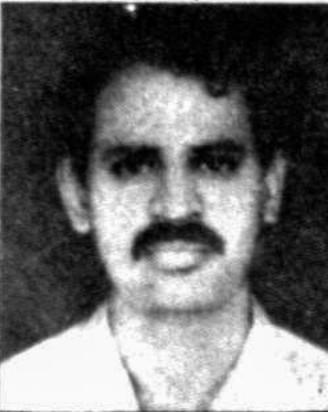
Ahsan Habib Kamal claimed that maximum development works have been done during his tenure after his taking over in July 24, 1991. More development project have been taken up for the over all uplift of the town, he said. The administrator informed

this correspondent that in all 130 development projects were taken up during the last financial year of which 55 projects have been completed at a cost of Taka 79.53 lakh. The works on 40 projects are on progress and expected to be completed soon which will Taka 97.08 lakh

The remaining 35 projects will be completed after the rainy season and these will cost about Taka 42.96 lakh. Besides, there are eight

BARISAL, Sept 29: Barisal more projects which include have plan to form mobile construction of community centre cum commercial complex, multistoried building at Puranbazar, Nazirer Pool on Jailkhal, reconstruction on Kalushaha Sarak, Kaunia Main Road, Repair of Bogra and Sikderpara roads and construction of four-storied new market building. To complete these projects, the authority will expend Taka

2.53 crore, it is disclosed. The pourashava at present supplying 38 lakh gallons of water through eight overhead



Ahsan Habib Kamal tanks. The requirement of water is 50 lakh gallons per day. A poura authority source informed that there are 5.223 domestic connection in the area through which the authority earns Taka three lakh annually.

More than 400 employees have working in pourashava which inadequate to cope with the increasing number of works and that why the authority is planning to increase the number of staff.

The collection of holding and trade taxes was not satisfactory earlier but the existing Administrator, Ahsan Habib Kamal said that the amount of collection is increasing day by day and they

teams to realise the full amount. The Administrator disclosed that they have collected over Taka one crore and 18 lakh during the last financial year.

Habib Kamal expressed that with a view to decreasing tax burden of the owners of the holdings, we have taken up plant to increase our earnings the commercial establishments. We have a plan to earn Taka 50 lakh from our own commercial complexes, community halls and other sources, the Administrator

With the support of the Honourable President and upmost endeavour of the existing Administrator, the Barisal Pourashava has already been taken under the "Secondary Town Infrastructure Development Project" which will be financed by the Asian Development Bank. The construction and

reconstruction of 350 roads. culverts and 150 drains, reexcavation Jailkhal, supply of electricity and drinking water, sanitation, development slum areas and scheme to protect the environment have been undertaken under the development project. According to reliable

sources, a total of 20 crore taka will be spent for the implementation of the taken up projects and it will take five-year time to complete the Meanwhile, a 12-member

team headed by Robert D Berlin has studied the feasibility of the projects. The works on these projects are expected to be started by December this year, it is

A three-day orientation course will also be conducted soon to help implementation of the projects.



JAMALPUR: A successful candidate of a debate on female education receiving prize from, the local Deputy Director of FP. The debate was organised by the FPAB, local unit recently.

Rat killing drive to halt crop damage

KUSHTIA, Sept. 29: A rat killing drive has been launched in the district under the auspices of Agricultural Extension Department, reports UNB.

Presided by Mozammel Huq Hawladar, Deputy Director of A E D, the inaugural function was also addressed by Azizul Huq, Majedul Huq and Afsar Ali of the department.

Deputy Commissioner, Syed Haftz Ahmed, who attended the meeting as chief guest said foodgrains worth about five lakh metric tons are damaged annually in the country by rats. Another report adds: A mo

bile court headed by Muitbar Rahman, a first class magistrate checked faulty motor vehicles and snapped unauthorised electric connections in various places of Sadar thana on Sunday.

Dal leaders were arrested here About 36 cases have been Saturday on charges of their

filed and taka 16.450 was realised from the convicted per-

Three people including one housewife and a teen-aged boy committed suicide in the Sadar thana Monday. The victims were identified

as Gajer Ali (45) of village Monohardia, Marjina Khatun (20), wife of Ahsan Ali of vil lage Ziaraki and Nasim (16), son of Akbar Mondol of village axmipur. All of them took potson but

could not be known. However, three separate UD cases have been filed with the

causes behind their suicide

2 JCD leaders arrested Two Jatiyatabadi Chhatra

involvement in terrorist activi-

The arrested are Shahidullah Shahid, Vice-President of the Islamia College Students' Union and convenor of JCD of the college branch and Panthu, member of the same convening committee.

Police said both the students were wanted in connection with several criminal

Students of the Islamia College brought out a procession protesting the arrest. They paraded the main streets of the town and chanted various slogans demanding immediate release of their arrested leaders.

He was stabbed to death on September 20 by a gang of unknown assatlants while returning home from a village arbi-

Notes from Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 29: Fam-Planning activities of Belkuchi thana could not achieve the target in 1991-92

The achievement is only 44 per cent in an average. The employees of thana family planning at grassroot level allegedly failed to motivate the able couples of adopt birth control methods.

Forty three per cent target in sterilization, 43 per cent in copper-T and 46 per cent in Injection were achieved during the last fiscal year ended in July '92.

Nazrul's death anniversary observed

Death anniversary of Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was observed at the office of the Reporters Club under the auspices of Rim Jhim Kachi Kachar Mela with Rashidul Hasan in the chair.

Among others Abdul Hamid Aminul Islam Liton and Lokman Hossain spoke on the occasion. The function was concluded with recitation of poems by Lata, Lucky, Zesmin and Saiful Islam.

No power supply for one week

More than 200 families of Masimpur under Stratgani Municipality have been living without power supply for last one week due to alleged negligence of the PDB authority.

The transformer of the area was taken by PDB employees for maintenance after disconnecting 200 connections. Even after passing one week the transformer is not installed causing troubles for the con

Housewife commits suicide

One housewife Lily (20) of village Paikra under Raigani thana committed suicide recently following family feud.

Lily was married to one Anil Chandra only one year ago. Following family feud she took insecticides and died on the A UD case has been lodged

connection. Teachers shortage acute in college

with Raiganj police in this

Academic atmosphere of Sirajganj Raidazzoha Govern-

ment Mahila College is being hampered following shortage of teachers. Thirty one posts out of 40 have been remaining vacant for a long. While contacted, the

Principal told this correspon-

dent that the situation is

communicated with the concerned authority but no effect Teachers' rally

He teachers of non-government primary schools of the district hold a rally and then submitted memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

More than 300 teachers of non-government primary schools assembled in the town, hold rally and submitted a memorandum to the DC to press home their 5-point de mand including nationalisation of the schools.

Training course on seed technology

FARIDPUR, Sept 29: A daylong training course on seed technology for private seedsmen in the region was held at the Domarkandi Seed Process ing Centre Thursday, reports

Jointly organised by Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation and Food and Agriculture Organisation, the training was aimed at producing quality seeds and its proper appliance.

Private seedsmen from Shariatpur, Madaripur, Gopalganj, Rajbari and Faridpur par ticipated in the training course Four Deputy Directors of Seed Marketing. Processing

source persons. Abul Hossain Mia, Joint Director, Seed Marketing distributed certificates among participants.

Contract Growers and Potato

attended the course as re-

Student stabbed to death

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 29: A high school student has been stabbed to death in the town for unknown reason, reports

According to police, the victim Tulu (17), student of Muslim High School along with his brother was coming back home after enjoying a cinema. He was attacked by a group of local mastans who stabbed both the brothers on August 21 at Bahtrgola area.

Tulu was immediately rushed to Suhrawardy Hospital where he died on Saturday

A case has been filed with the Sadar police.

4000 women employed to sell Indian goods

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 29: At least 4000 destitute women are employed in selling Indian goods including sarees and blouse pieces in the district, according to a survey down by the local social welfare work-

The illegal cross-border trade, suspended for some time due to the anti-smuggling drive, resumed last month. their report said.

ers, reports UNB.

The smugglers have em ployed the destitute women in bringing contraband items from Rajshahi and Ishurdi and selling those goods on a commission of 5 to 10 per

It is learnt that Padma Express train is used as the main route by the smugglers.

Local leaders demanded resumption of the anti-smuggling drive to check the increasing

The district unit of Awami League Monday demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the killers of the party leaders Ali Hossain and Chand

In a joint statement, President Motahar Hossain Talukder and Secretary Abdul Latif Mirza of the unit condemned the killing and expressed grave concern over the deteriorating law and order situation.

Tarash thana Awami League Vice-President Ali Hossain was killed by the miscreants on September 13 at Gultabazar and Sramtk League leader Chand Mia was assassinated on September 26 on Bahirgola Road in the town.

The outlawed Sarbahara Party, styled as Purbabangla Communist Party.

TB patients on increase, treatment facility meagre

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Sept 29: The plunge into darkness for hours number of TB patients is in, together while in the day, creasing alarmingly in Kurigram district.

The only TB hospital in the district is beset with enormous problems consign much sufferings to the increasing number of patients. The hospital was estab-

lished in 1965. Normally 8 to 10 patients come to the hospi tal every day. About 1000 to 1500 new TB patients were detected who are getting only outdoor treatment at the TB hospital The overall environment of

the TB hospital is not at all hygienic. Totlets and urinals remain dirty as they are not cleared regularly. Another report adds: Kur-

igram town and its adjoining areas continued to experience lood-shedding every day. At night, all residential areas and shopping centres in

the town and adjoining areas

most of the small and medium industrial units remain closed due to hampering production and causing a huge financial loss to entrepreneurs. How long we would suffer loss due to power failure, an

affected small trader narrating his difficulty in the wake of load-shedding. He said that he incurred a huge financial loss. The domestic consumers under the sweltering heat and with the fear of hijacking, theft

and dacoity pass hard days.

The student are the worst suf-It is a nightmarish experience when power supply fails and housewives look for lanterns to light the houses against the threat of anti-social elements who usually roam about the road and wait for the chance to steal and loot the

households, an anguish house

owner told this correspondent.

Divisional admn tribunal set up at Bogra

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 29: An administrative tribunal have been set up in Bogra comprising of 23 districts including 16 districts of Rajshahi Division.

Meanwhile, Senior District Judge Abdul Matin Chowdhury and Senior Assistant Judge Mian Md Ali Akbar Azizi have joined the tribunal as the Judge and the Registrar re-

spectively. The newly formed tribunal will start normal functioning by the current month.

The administrative tribunal set up at the Bogra Zila Parishad building, will pay attention to all disputes regarding services of the com-

plainants of Sirajganj, Pabna, Bogra, Jaipurhat, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Kurigram, Rangpur, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, Rajshahi, Chapainawabgani, Naogoan, Natore, Jessore, Jhenidah, Magura Narail Kushtia, Meherpur and Chuadanga dis-

According to the provision, the dissatisfied side may ap-

Tribunal against the judgement of Bogra Tribunal. Needs be mentioned that another administrative tribunal is work-

Beggars on increase

According to informed sources, thousands of people by recurrent flood, drought, cyclone and river crosion so long were trying to eke out their living in the remote vil-

calamities the livelihood of the distressed people became at a stake and they had been compelled to rush to the town areas in search of food and shelter. And finding no job opportunities they took resort to

Affluent Section uses major agri-loans

BARGUNA, Sept 29 Agriloans meant for the small and marginal farmers are being used by the affluent section of the society with the connivance of some bank officials, some of the affected farmers alleged here, reports UNB.

The existing rule providing for agricultural loans through pass-book was not working well, because of malpractice,

A group of middlemen and

rich landlords were taking agricultural loans in fictitious names depriving the genuine poor farmers who are unable to produce security bonds. They then lend money to

the poor farmers at an exorbitant rate of interest Meanwhile a huge amount of loan has already been dis-

cinema houses

bursed to non productive commercial sectors including

peal to the Dhaka Appellate

ing at Dhaka since long past.

in Dinajpur

DINAJPUR, Sept 29: The influx of beggars in the town and its suburbs has been creating inconvenience to the public life, reports UNB.

who were rendered destitutes lages through manual labour. But due to repeated natural

people have been erecting slums on the roadsides and on the WAPDA embankment polluting the environment. They also alleged that many destitute people were engaged in various anti-social activities. Local elite have urged the

Moreover, suffering people

alleged that development work

gramme and of other agencies

is on decrease in the remote

The town dwellers com-

plained that the homeless

areas of the district.

under food for works pro-

authorities to take schemes to rehabilitate these beggars in the outskirt of the town.

Dacoity in bus Highway

on Dhaka-Chittagong road at Madhaya in Chandina thana, police said her today, reports According to witnesses,

when the Chittagong bound night coach (No. Chittagong Metro-02-0021) reached at Madhaya, eight dacoits who earlier boarded the bus in disguise, attacked the passengers and looted cash, gold and valuable goods worth Taka 1.50 lakh on the night of Septem-

The passengers informed

that the coach driver started the bus from Dhaka keeping eight seats vacant intentionally The driver of the non stop coach picked up eight passengers from Kanchpur and Gazipur illegally who later turned out to be dacoits.

on Dhaka-Ctg COMILLA, Sept 29: A daring bus dacoity was committed