

District roundup

RANGPUR Marshal art show held

From Our Correspondent
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CHITTAGONG Death of Jubadal city unit leader condoled

Oct 17: Chittagong City Mayor Mir Mohammad Nasir-uddin recently expressed his profound shock at the sudden death of Hedayatul Islam, General Secretary of the city unit of Jatiyatabadi Jubadal, reports BSS.

Tangail Police recover electric wire, two held

Oct 17: Police recovered 82 kilograms of electric wire of Pali Biddut Samity from the bank of the river Baratia under Sadar thana and arrested two persons in this connection recently, reports BSS.

MAULVIBAZAR Bullock shortage hampers farming

Oct 17: Acute shortage of bullock prevailing throughout the district has been hampering cultivation for a long, reports UNB.

SHERPUR Malaria claims 4, attacks 1000 others

Oct 17: Malaria claimed at least four lives and attacked 1000 others in different thanas of the district during the last one month, according to unofficial sources, reports UNB.

BARISAL Kojagari Laxmi Puja observed

Oct 17: The 'Kojagari Laxmi Puja' of the Hindu community was observed with much enthusiasm and gaiety on Sunday in Barisal district, reports BSS.

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Body to probe cheating case

Oct 17: The Sonali Bank authorities have ordered inquiry into a reported cheating case which caused a loss of Taka 16 lakh to a local branch of the bank, reports UNB.

Chhatra Moitri submits memo to Principal

Oct 17: Local unit of Chhatra Moitri of Naogaon Government college submitted a memorandum to the Principal seeking fulfilment of their six-point demand, reports UNB.

100 tara pumps for Naogaon Pourashava

NAOGAON, Oct 17: One hundred Tara pumps are being sunk in the areas under Naogaon Pourashava to ensure adequate supply of pure drinking water, reports UNB.

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Rally demands release of Juba League leaders

Oct 17: The Sylhet district unit of Awami League and its front organisations brought out a protest procession in the town on Tuesday demanding immediate release of the Juba League and Chhatra League leaders of Sylhet who had been arrested in a number of cases.



RAJBARI: Embankment at Madhukhali under the district is being eroded by the erosion. — Star photo

Erosion devours 25-km area in Rajbari district

From Our Correspondent

RAJBARI, Oct 17: The erosion has now taken an alarming situation in four thanas of the district. About 25-kilometre areas along the western bank of the rivers Padma and Jamuna in the district had been eroded during the last seven years, it is reported.

The erosion of the rivers Padma and Jamuna engulfed hundreds of acres of cultivable lands, permanent structure of offices, mosques, and institutions, markets and villages rendering a large number of people homeless. The most affected thanas are: Pangsha, Baliakandi, Goolondo and Rajbari sadar.

During the period, innumerable dwelling houses, offices, institutions, business establishments and vast tract of cultivable lands had been washed away by the rivers rendering nearly 25,000 families homeless. Earlier, the river beds of the Padma and Jamuna were deep and could carry enough water. But due to heavy siltation, the rivers gradually lost their usual depth. As a result, the river channels changed their courses towards the western bank.

The surging tide of the channels directly hit the banks almost round the year. During the rainy season, the rate of erosion increases alarmingly.

Notes from Sylhet

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SYLHET, Oct 17: The body of an unknown person was recovered from a roadside ditch of Sylhet-Jakiganj Highway recently.

On getting information, police recovered the body from Konagram of Jakiganj thana. Police sent the body to the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital for post-mortem.

Diarrhoea claims four lives

Diarrhoea claimed four lives in last one week in Biswambharpur thana of Sunamganj district. According to the reports, the diseases broke out in Kapna village under Polish union of the Biswambharpur thana and it claimed the lives of Md Abul Hashem, Mafeda Khatun (8) daughter of Jahed Ali, and her mother Ambia Khatun and Bhuttu Miah (50).

The high prices of saline and other necessary medicines have been causing much sufferings to the poor people of the village. There is no supply of saline in the hospital. Witnesses said the accident occurred when the Banskhalibound minibus hit the motorbike in Panhalish area of Muradpur thana at 1 pm.

Engine boat capsizes, one killed

One person was killed and three others were injured when a cargo launch hit an engine boat in the river Surma near Dhanpur village under Doarabazar thana of Sunamganj district recently.

According to the reports, one Najmul Huda (25), of village Enayetganj under Nabinaganj thana started for Nabinaganj on an engine boat along with some stones. At about 9 pm when the boat reached near Ambari Dhanpur, a big cargo from the opposite side hit it causing instantaneous sinking. The sareng and others, however managed to swim ashore.

Oldman killed in road mishap

An oldman was killed in a road accident on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway recently. The agitated people of the locality blocked the road just after the incident.

According to the reports the accident took place when a microbus was on its way to Moulvibazar from Sylhet and crushed the victim Mahmud Khan near village Chhillimpur under Balaganj thana under its wheels.

One gets 7 yrs RI for kidnapping girl

AKM Anwar, the Additional District and Sessions Judge, and Special Tribunal Judge, Sunamganj sentenced two persons seven years rigorous imprisonment and fined them Taka three thousands in default to suffer imprisonment for six months more on charge of kidnapping a young girl with a view to smuggling to India recently.

Refreshers course on women uplift plan opens

MAJDEE COURT, Oct 17: A ten-day-long refreshers' course begun here Saturday of male and female inspectors of women development programme under Bangladesh Rural Development Board, reports UNB.

Minor girl crushed under wheels

A minor girl was crushed under the wheels of a speeding microbus on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway recently.

According to the reports, at about 11, on the day of incident, the vehicle was on its way to Sylhet and crushed the victim Parvin (8) under its wheels causing her instantaneous death, while she was crossing the road near the Madhabpur bazar.

Storm damages kutcha houses, standing crops

BOGRA, Oct 17: A severe storm lashed over seven villages of Sariakandi and Dhunat thana of the district Thursday morning causing heavy damages to property, reports UNB.

Eyewitnesses said the storm lashed over the river belt of Jamuna and damaged about 200 kutcha houses. A vast tract of standing crop was also damaged in the storm.

It was reported that three people were missing in the Jamuna due to boat capsizing. Four fishing boats were also missing in the river near Kazipur of Sirajganj district.

Diarrhoea attacked 400 people in two thanas of the district in the last 72 hours and at least seven of them died.

Pollution of environment causing health hazard

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SATKHIRA, Oct 17: Environment pollution has been causing serious health hazard in all the areas of the district alarmingly.

Moreover, they use to rot the jute in ponds, tanks and pools adjacent to their homesteads which also cause air-pollution resulting various diseases like dysentery, malaria and skin diseases. A large number of people mostly children die of these diseases for want of proper treatment. A new type of fever has broken out alarmingly taking heavy toll of lives.

It is learnt that the butchers indiscriminately slaughter sick and old cattle and keep the blood, bones of the slaughtered animals at a close distance of the markets and roads spreading germs in large numbers.

Four killed in road mishaps

CHITTAGONG, Oct 17: A speeding bus slammed a motorbike during the fog-end of an eight-hour halt in the port city recently killing its two riders, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when the Banskhalibound minibus hit the motorbike in Panhalish area of Muradpur thana at 1 pm.

The bus was seized by police, but its driver fled the scene. A case was filed with Panchalaish police.

The halt that started at 6 am was called by pro-Awami League Chhatra League demanding arrest of the killers of Mahboob, a BCL leader and first year student of Chittagong Medical College.

Mahboob was attacked by a group of miscreants in Chittagong College area on September 20. He succumbed to his injuries at the Chittagong Medical College Hospital on September 23.

BCL blamed Islami Chhatra Shibir for the killing of Mahboob. All vehicles, except for a few rickshaws, were off the road during the halt hours, paralysing the city life and business.

No classes were held in educational institutions. Government and non-government offices and the port worked partially.

Some vehicles were damaged at around 12 noon in front of the Medical College eastern gate and in the

Bus journey on routes risky, troublesome

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CHUADANGA, Oct 17: Journey by bus and mini-bus on different routes in Chuadanga district has become hazardous due to overloading and rash driving. Hundreds of passengers travelling everyday on these routes have been facing immense inconveniences due to lack of proper amenities. In recent days, many road accidents occurred on these routes.

Over loading of vehicles and rash driving on the roads by the drivers have become a regular feature in the district which causing frequent road accidents. Whenever a bus or mini-bus stops, passengers get in the vehicle and they are even allowed to sit on the roof of the bus and to stand on the bumper or on the foot board.

Besides, passenger buses used to carry a huge quantity of goods on the roofs. The motor vehicles associations have little control over the situation and the bus or mini-buses are driven at the whims of drivers resulting in the road accidents every now and then.

It is also found that most of the buses and mini-buses on these routes are engaged in competition to pick up passengers without considering the seat capacity of the vehicles.

It is also observed that the drivers of the over-crowded buses and mini-buses have indulged themselves in over taking other buses plying on the road at a maximum speed and are very often involved in fatal road mishaps.

It may be mentioned here that black smoke emitting from vehicles freely on the roads causing health hazard and the disturbing sounds of horns of vehicles also causing much annoyance to the public. Immediate action is needed to be taken to arrest the situation.

Heroin addiction kills five

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 17: Addiction of heroin among the youths is alarmingly increasing causing serious concern among the guardians, reports UNB.

Informed sources said at least five addicted youths died during the last two months and another 300 have been suffering from different addiction complexities. Many of them have lost their functional order of various organs.

The dead are identified as Jali Sardar (40) of Nakla of Rayganj Thana, Dulal (24) and Noai Sheikh (40) of Soyagobinda and Shamsher (50) of Diardhangobinda of Pura Area. Identification of the other could not be ascertained.

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MANIKGANJ: The Aricha unit of BIWTC Sramik Karmachari Action Committee observed a token hunger strike demanding the cancellation of IWT-3 Project recently. — Star photo