District roundup

JHENIDAH

One crushed to death

Oct 26: One Hashem Ali (32) of Beparipara under Jhenidah pourasava was crushed under the wheels of a minibus at Bishaikhali Bazar on Jessore-Kushtia road on Thursday, reports BSS.

The victim while crossing the road was run over by a

Jhenidah thana police seized the minibus. The river fled away.

A case has been registered with Jhenidah thana. The body of Hashem was sent to morgue for autopsy.

JHALAKATHI

407 tubewells lying inoperative

Oct 26: At least 407 deep and shallow tubewells have been lying inoperative in four thanas of the district, reports

Official sources said 124 tubewells have been lying inoperative in Sadar, 90 in Nalchhiti, 39 in Rajapur and 154 in Kathalia thanas.

District Public Health and Engineering Department sourees said about 99 deep and 35 shallow tubewells will be sunk in the district during next

FARIDPUR

Scouts triennial unit confce held

Oct 26: The triennial conference of Faridpur district scouts was held recently at the local Scout Bhavan, reports

The conference was presided over by district committee president and Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur K M Nurul Huda. About 50 delegates from different institutions and concerned officers attended the conference.

Speakers at the conference stressed the need for scouting in schools to bring discipline and healthy academic atmosphere among the students. Speakers also emphasised the need for regular trainings to intensify scout movement in the district. Among others the conference was addressed by S M Shahjahan, A D C (Gen) of Faridpur, Thana Nirbahi Officer of Faridpur Sadar, Prof Md Shahjahan and Assistant Field Commissioner of Scouts Abul Kalam Azad.

An ad-hoc district committee was formed with Deputy Commissioner and Headmaster of Faridpur Zila School as president and secretary respec-

KUSHTIA

Three held with pistol Oct 26: Police recovered

one pistol with two cartidges from Amlapara of Kushtia town, reports BSS.

Police arrested three youngmen Babu, Tuku and Anwar in this connection.

Police also arrested one Shahidul Islam (22) from Amlapara and on his confession some arms and ammunitions were recovered on Friday.

JAMALPUR

Acute scarcity of Anti-Rabit vaccine

roads has become time-con-

suming and troublesome for

alise excess fare and misbe-

have, some passengers alleged.

The operators do not maintain

According to a random sur-

vey, many of the drivers do not

possess valid driving licence.

The drivers use false names to

avoid detection by the law en-

forcing agencies in the event

any time schedule.

of an accident.

The conductors often re-

the passengers, reports UNB.

Oct 26: Anti-Rabit vaccine, a life saving drug is not available in the district for a long time, reports UNB.

Jamalpur Pourashava officials said despite repeated requisitions this vital medicine

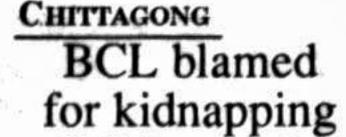
was not supplied by the concerned authorities. In case any person is bitten by dog or cat, immediate

Jointly organised by UNICEF treatment cannot be done for want of the drug. Local people have urged the authorities to supply the vaccine without further delay.

SATKHIRA Bus journey troublesome Oct 26: Bus journey on the Kaliganj-Khulna, Kaliganj-Satkhira and Satkhira Assasuni

BARISAL

Oct 26 : Police has recovcred seven pipeguns from the possession of a person in Gournadi thana, police source



Oct 26: Islami Chhatra Shibir at a rally in the city Saturday alleged that Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) kidnapped and murdered one of its workers, reports UNB.

Shibir activist

Speakers at the rally said Saiful Islam was kidnapped on his way to town from Hathazari on October 22 by Awami League backed BCL activist.

Meanwhile, Hathazari police arrested three persons from village Dalai in connection with the kidnapping case. They are Harun-ur-Rashid Dulal, Jalaluddin and Mohammed Yunus. Police identified them as BCL activists.

Convicted for murder of a BCL activist in 1988 Saiful was recently set free from jail.

Chhatra Shibir has called half-day hartal from 6 am to 2 pm on October 26 (Monday) in Chittagong district to protest the kidnap and alleged mur-

SHERPUR

Two bodies recovered

Oct 26: Nalitabari thana police recovered two bodies in Bagber union recently, reports

Sources said that police recovered body of one Suklal Biswas (35) from Refugee Beel in Bagber union and Mohammad Ali (4) from a drain at Ranigaon.

Two separate cases were registered in this connection. Police sent the bodies for postmortem. None was arrested in this connection.

TANGAIL

Family planning assoc unit AGM held

TANGAIL, Oct 26: The annual general meeting of Family Planning Association of Bangladesh, Tangail branch was held on Friday at local zila parishad auditorium, reports

Shawkat Ali Talukder, General Secretary and Advocate Khan Mohammad Khaled Treasurer placed their respective reports on the occasion. Dr H R Khan presided over the meeting.

The meeting also elected and executive body for the branch for next two years with Dr H R Khan as President, Shawkat Ali Talukder as General Secretary and Khan Mohammad Khaled as Treasurer.

The National Savings Bureau, Tangail has achieved savings worth Taka two point seven zero crore in the first three months of the current fiscal year.

Official sources said that the bureau was working to achieve saving at last worth Taka ten crore this year. During last year savings worth Taka eight point zero three crore were achieved in the district, the source added.

FENI

Indian national arrested

FENI, Oct 26: An Indian national was arrested here from Sonagazi thana for doubtful movement on Friday, reports UNB.

According to police, Nitai Shaha of Tripura district in India came here on Thursday. He was produced before the Sonagazi thana Magistrate court. The court send him to three days police remand. Further police investigation

is going on.

A seminar on "Development Sanitation for Social Movement" was held on Wednesday . in Chhagalniya thana of the

and Public Health Engineering Department, the seminar was attended by Deputy Commissioner of the district Nurul Haq and Executive Engineer of Noakhali Quddusur Rahman as chief and special guests.

Thana Nirbahi Officer of Chhagaintya ADM Abdul Bashat presided over the seminar Among others, it was addressed by Chittagong Divisional officer of UNICEF A K Masud Ahmed, Akram Khan of PHE Feni, and Ain Ahmed Sarkar of PHE, Chhagalniya.

Seven pipeguns

recovered

said, reports BSS.

Acting on secret informahouse at night and recovered



MANIKGANJ: An erosion-hit family of Bachamara in Daulatpur thana of the district has taken shelter on a nearby highland. — Star photo

Diarrhoea claims over 200, attacks 5500 in two dists

BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 26: Diarrhoea claimed at least 150 lives and attacked over 4,000 others in seven thanas of the district during the last one month, reports UNB.

Official sources, however, confirmed 63 deaths during the period.

The disease has broken out in an alarming proportion. Every day new areas are being engulfed by the deadly disease. Patients from rural and urban areas in large numbers are coming to different hospitals and health complexes for treatment every day. Local people informed that

scarcity of IUV fluid and oral saline has been prevailing in different health complexes and in the affected areas. The affected thanas are

Sadar, Sarail, Nasirnagar, Akhaura, Kasba, Nabinagar and Local leaders have urged

the authorities to take imme-

diate steps to combat the growing menace. Our correspondent from Khagrachari reports: Diarrhoea which has been spreading very fast in Chittagong Hill Tracts District region has so far

claimed 55 lives in three days.

local people informed. Over 1500 people have been attacked with water-born

killer disease in the affected

The thanas where the dis- Majority of the victims are ease has been spreading fast are: Matiranga, Mahalchhari and Ramgarh in Khagrachhari, Roangchhari and Naingkhiongchhari in Banderbon and Rajskhali, Kaptai and Belaich-

Shifting of truck terminal protested

JAMALPUR, Oct 26: The Truck Drivers Union of the district unit gheraoed the Deputy Commissioner's office protesting the shifting of the truck terminal from Mallgodam road to inter-district bus terminal on Sunday, reports They handed over a memo-

randum to the Deputy Commissioner to press home their Earlier, they brought out a

procession which paraded the main streets of the town. Jatiya Sramik League of the

district unit extended its support to the just demand of the truck drivers. They urged the government to settle the dispute amicably with the union leaders.

hari in Rangamati hill district, localities of the region, sources Civil Surgeon office sources

women and children, it is

Dr Abdur Rahman, Civil Surgeon, Khagrachhari hill district admitted that the death toll from diarrhoea is 22. Three medical teams have been working in the affected areas which is quite inadequate to combat the disease. Due to scarcity of food, diet,

saline and absence of treatment, the affected people have been taking rotten and other unhealthy things and thus moving towards death, said Ramo Bikram Tripura, a Councillor of local government council of Khagrachhari hill

A silent type of famine has been prevailing in the area where diarrhoea has broken out, Ramo Bikram informed.

The district-wise break up of the death available from the sources concerned Matiranga, Mohalchhari and Ramgarh - 38, Rajasthi Belaichhari and Kaptai - 5 Roangchhari Naingkhaligaonchari - 12.

The authorities concerned have been urged to take requisite steps to combat the disease immediately.

Indrojet Gupta, General

Secretary, Communist Party of

India has criticised Indian

BSF opens secret routes to continue push in operation

SATKHIRA, Oct 26: Indian Border Security Forces (BSF) has opened new fronts in Satkhira border belts to push Bengali speaking people to Bangladesh territory.

According to reports, BSF personnel attempted to push about 75 persons by boats from Hingalganj (India) border point on October 20.

The BDR men chased the boats and foiled the push in

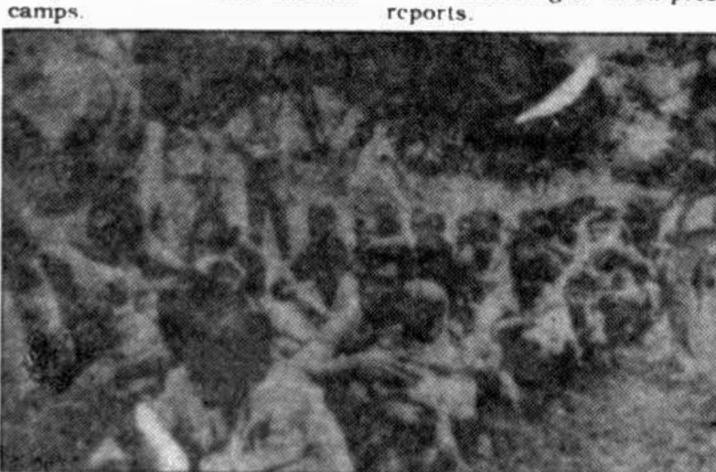
It is learnt that BSF men made several attempts to push 400 people through Taluiga chha, Hijaldi, Basantapur border areas of the district

Meanwhile, the dailies from Calcutta published news on the issue said that BSF men have so far managed to push more them one thousand people into Bangladesh territory through secret routes. The BSF men also using the smugglers to carry out the push in operation, according to reports received from across the border. According to sources, BSF

From Our Correspondent men have collected several thousands Bengali speaking people who are living at

pur, Krishnanagar, Hingalgani, Tetulia, Gopalpur of 24 Pargonas and Nadia district

government for carrying out Basirhat, Bougaon, Moslamderthe push in operation violating human rights and international laws, according to India press reports.



SATKHIRA: A BSF personnel is cutting the hairs of one of the Bengali speaking people living at Petropole Camp (India) from where they will be pushed inside the Bangladesh territory. - Star photo

Son to die for killing mother

From Our Correspondent

from other eye witnesses and

then he had been to the

Karimganj Police Station to

the then OC of Karimgani PS

Nazrul Islam recorded a case

punishable U/S 302 of the

Penal Code and filed up the

FIR and handed over the case

for investigation to SI Shambu

On the basis of the ejaher

the informant.

lodge the ejaher.

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 26: Muhammad Anwarul Haque, Sessions Judge Kishoreganj in a judgement delivered on October 14, sentenced one Osman Gani, son of Abdul Mannal of village Telipara under Karimganj thana of the district to death by hanging on the charge of killing his

He shall be hanged by the neck till he is dead subject to the confirmation of the sentence by the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. The accused may appeal against this death sentence if he wishes within seven days.

According to the prosecution, on February 9, 1991, at about 10/11 am while Amena Khatun was stitching 'kantha' sitting in the court-yard along with her minor son Mustaque Miah in front of their dwelling hut and her daughter Shajna Khatun was cooking in front of her, the accused Osman Gani, son informant Abdul Mannaf,

the deceased Amena Khatun Osman Gani, son of the deasked the accused to wait till ceased U/S 302 of the Penal his father comes from the Code to start trial. bazar, the accused Osman Gant The learned Judge after extook dao from the court-yard amining evidences, important and gave a dao blow on the

'alamot' like blood-stained 'dao' shoulder of the deceased has also been produced in the which resulted her death incourt at the time of trial which stantly and the accused Osman was used by the accused for Gani disappeared from the committing murder as alleged by the prosecution and 11 wit place of occurrence towards western side of the house of nesses found the accused Osman Gani guilty of the charge U/S 302 of the Penal There after the informant came to his house and saw the Code and is convicted and body of his wife Amena Khatun sentenced to suffer death punlying in his court-yard and also ishment. The prosecution was conheard about the occurrence

> while Advocate Md Nurul Islam stood for the defence. Another report adds: Two minor boys drowned in a pond at village Taljanga in Tarail thana of the district re-

> ducted by MA Qayyum Khan PP

In the afternoon on the day of incident, Sakir Hossain (6), son of Quddus Miah and Kamrul (2), son of Nurul Islam Miah came out of their houses to play beside the pond and suddenly both slipped into the water. The bodies were recov-

Notes from Madaripur

From Our Correspondent

MADARIPUR, Oct 26: Diarrhoea has claimed two lives in Shariatpur district re-

According to unofficial sources, about 150 people were attacked by diarrhoea in different areas of the district.

The use of impure drinking water and adulterated food are the main reasons for the outbreak of the disease, doctors

Workshop on afforestation held

A 5-day workshop on afforestation was held here under the auspices of the Forest Department recently.

Forty persons from different villages and workers of Gono Unnayan Prochesta and Proshikha took part in the workshop.

Meet to halt terrorism held

A meeting at the Kalkini Syed Abul Hossain College was held here at College premises recently to resist terrorism unitedly.

Khalequzzaman, Principal of Kalkini Syed Abul Hossain College presided over the meeting. It was addressed among others by Mostafa Kamal, Siraj Sarder, Lokman Hossain, Ibrahim Sikder Tahmina Siddiqui, Abdul Kader, Masum Ahmed Tipu and M Shahiahan.

Pistol, pipegun recovered

Police recovered one pistol, one pipegun and four rounds of cartridges from Bazitpur union under Rajoir thana.

covered these abandoned arms and ammunition from Kichmotdi village. A case has been filed with the police in this regard. None

Acting on a tip, police re-

has so far been arrested. Jubo Dal unit confce concludes The unit conference of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal was held

here at Milon Cinema Hall with M Mujibur Rahman Howladar in the chair. Later, a 71-member executive committee of district Jubo Dal was formed with M Mujibur Rahman Howladar,

Enamul Haq Shahin and Bazlur

Rahman as President

Secretary and Organising

Secretary respectively. Release of newsman demanded

SHERPUR, Oct 26: The Sangbadik Samity of the district in a meeting Sunday strongly resented the arrest of Sirajganj correspondent of Daily Ittefaq Aminul Islam Choudhury, reports UNB.

The meeting said he was implicated falsely in the murder case and demanded his immediate release.

Presided over by Rafinoogi President of the Samity, it was addressed, among others, by Babu, Shushil, Mamaker, Abdur Rahim Badal, Debashish Roy, Sharifur Rahman, Sanjib Chandra Bibtu and Amiru-zzaman.

Aminul Islam Choudhury, who is also a convenor of the district Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, was sent to jail on October 18 after he surrendered to the court on charge of killing Abul Kashem in a clash on May 13.

BCL condemns arrest of Auranga

FARIDPUR, Oct 26 Bangladesh Chhatra League staged a rally here protesting the arrest of Awami League leader Hemayetullah Auranga, MP, reports UNB.

The rally, held at Chakbazar Jame Masjid, was presided over by President of BCL district unit Habibur Rahman

was addressed, among others, by Ziaul Hassan Mithu and Animesh Ray, VP and GS of Rajendra College Students Union respectively, BCL leaders Badiuzzaman Babul, Kazi Mahitul Hassan, Abdul Baten and Shawkat Ali Zahid. The speakers at the rally

condemned the arrest of the Awami League MP and demanded his immediate release. The raily was followed by a big procession which paraded the main streets of the town.

Bullock shortage hampers farming MANIKGANJ, Oct 26: Acute

shortage of bullock prevailing in the district has been hampering cultivation since long, reports UNB. About 56 per cent of land

remain uncultivated in the dis-

trict each year as most of the

leaders said

marginal farmers have on bullock to till their land, local May farmers harness milch after sundown cow to the plough resulting in There is no boundary wall

> cattle and goats move freely all the time. The neighbouring people allegedly use the TB compound for grazing their

Smuggled goods worth Tk 13 lakh seized Police nabbed an alleged crim-

inal and recovered 11 rounds of bullets from his possession from Batpukuria in Sadar thana on Saturday. The arrested person was

smuggler in 11 raids in different bordering areas of Benaidentified as Wahed of the area. pole, Navaron and Bannhi on Police said he was wanted for long in connection with The arrested person identiseveral criminal cases. fied as Abu Taleb was handed

Another report from Fent adds: Bangladesh Rifles recov-The seized goods included ered smuggled goods worth about Taka 8.12 lakh from inmotor parts, and a skin of ter-city train Mahanagar Urmee Godhuli and Feni Earlier, on Wednesday, BDR Railway Station compound in jawans seized Indian goods two drives on Thursday and

Separate cases were regis-Acting on a tip, BDR jawans tered with the respective poraided the train and the compound and recovered the Local people alleged that smuggled goods. smuggling in the border areas

The seized goods were handed over to the local Customs authority. Two cases were filed with the local po-

Six housewives, absent minded man commit suicide in dists

LALMONIRHAT, Oct 26: Two housewives of Durgapur union of Aditmari thana of the district committed suicide by taking poison, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Rifles seized con-

traband goods worth over Taka

5.04 lakh and nabbed an

Indian saree, medicine, sugar,

worth over Taka 4.42 lakh.

is going on unabated with the

collaboration of some vested

Another message says :

Saturday, reports UNB.

over to the police.

lice stations.

quarters.

Saleha Begum (25), wife of Shahidur Rahman of village Dighaltari and Asia Khatun (22) wife of Abul Hossain of village Shothibari committed suicide by taking poison. Villagers said that family

feuds were the reasons behind both the suicide. The bodies were sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. Two unnatural death cases were filed in this connection.

A young man allegedly committed suicide by taking endrin in sadar thana of the district on The victim was identified as Monisa Sarker (19) of Khanpur

A report from Satkhira says:

in the thana. He was working as a day labourer in a house of Ashutosh of the same village. The reason behind the suicide could not be known. The body was sent to the morgue

for autopsy. A UD case was lodged with the local police in this con-

A report from Habigani

adds: An absent minded man

allegedly committed suicide by

throwing himself under the

Osmanpur village. His relatives said he was suffering from mental disease for a long time. His body was sent to morgue for autopsy and

wheels of a running train on

Haque of village Zarulia of

Chunarughat thana suddenly

threw himself under the

wheels of the Balla-bound

Saistagani local train near

a case has been registered

Witnesses said that Abdul

with Srimongal police. Another report from Magura adds: Two young housewives allegedly committed suicide in separate incidents by taking poison, police

Khatoon (22) wife of Rejaul Islam Molla of village Khalia in Mohammadpur thana killed herself Monday last by taking insecticides following a family

In one incident Lovely

Her body was sent to the hospital morgue for post

In another incident Unnati Rani Biswas (25), wife of Birat Chandra Biswas of village Arpara in Salikha thana took poison on Friday to commit suicide following an unhappy

68 non-govt high schools in dilapidated condition

family life.

PABNA, Oct 26: Large number of non-government high schools are beset with innumerable problems adversely affecting education here, reports

According to a survey conducted by social welfare activists reveals that dilapidated condition of 68 non-government high schools in nine thanas of the district are hampering education of about 40,000 students.

The problems included deplorable condition of school buildings, shortage of furniture and accommodation, absence of playground, lack of laboratory, library and common room facilities.

The survey report said five

per cent of the total number of

schools have one or two storied buildings while the rest are tin-sheds. About 60 per cent of these schools have no

separate science building and necessary science apparatus. The report adds that 70 per cent students of those schools

are being deprived of recre-

ational facilities as there are no

Scarcity of pure water persists almost in every schools for want of tubewells. Two per cent schools have

playground in front of schools.

library facilities which have no reference books. Due to fund crisis teachers of the schools never get their salary regularly,

Comilla Shampadak Parishad formed

COMILLA, Oct "Comilla Shampadak Parishad" has been formed in a meeting of the editors of daily, weekly and monthly newspapers published from Comilla district,

reports UNB. The meeting, held on Friday at the office of the Daily Bangladesh Shangbad, was presided over by Aftabur Rahman, Editor the Weekly

The members of the committee are Mohammad Zakaria, Editor of Daily Bangladesh Shangbad, Mohammad Abdul Jalil, Editor of Weekly Laksham, ATM Mahbub of Weekly Rang Dhango and Abdul Meleq, Editor of Monthly Shama Jatra.

TB patients increasing alarmingly

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Oct 26: The number of TB patients is increasing alarmingly in five thanas of the district, reports

According to knowledgeable sources, 15 to 20 patients are pouring into the only TB clinic in the town everyday from five thanas of Shibganj, Bholahat, Gomostapur, Nachol and Sadar thanas

clinic of the district is beset with problems causing sufferings to the increasing number of TB patients. The overall environment of the TB clinic is not at all hygienic. Totlets and urinals in

Established during pre-in-

dependence period, the TB

the clinic remain dirty as they are not cleaned regularly. it is alleged that a section of miscreants of the area engage themselves in anti-social activities in the TB clinic premises

in the clinic and as a result

It is learnt that the only Xray machine is the clinic re-

to the patients.

cattle causing health hazards

mains unused. Treatment of the TB patients is being hampered due to scarcity of life saving drugs in the clinic. Poor patients are the worst sufferers as they are unable to

buy medicine from open market at an exorbitant price. Old man killed in road mishap

old man was run over by a speeding bus at Shikarikanda on Dhaka-Mymensingh Road on Monday, reports UNB. Police said Tahsen Hossain (66) while crossing the road

MYMENSINGH, Oct 26: An

was hit by the minibus at about 5 pm. He died on the spot The driver managed to escape with the vehicle. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case has

Local people said at least 7 persons were killed in separate accidents on this during the current month.

been filed with the police.

The condition of the buses Dey. gradual reduction of milk pro-On completion of investigais too poor to be put on the tion, the thana police raided a duction. suddenly came and asked his tion, investigating officer road making the journey un-Farmers often are seen tillmother deceased Amena Shambu Dey submitted chargesafe for the passengers. ing their lands with spades the pipeguns. Khatun to give food. But when sheet against the ione accused ered later. and harrows.