

**District roundup**

**NATORE**

**Two commit suicide over family trouble**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Oct 30: Two persons committed suicide here in separate incidents recently.  
The victims are: Monoara Bibi (40), wife of Chaleman Ali of Khubtupur village and Ishaq Ali (22), son of Daroga Ali of Chandrapur Majhpara village under Ourudaspur thana of the district.  
It is learnt that both of them committed suicide over family trouble.  
Two separate UD cases have already been lodged with the local police in this regard.

**MYMENSINGH**

**Notorious dacoit held with rifle**

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Oct 30: Nandail police arrested a notorious dacoit, Abdur Rashid (35) with rifle from Madharipur village under Nandail thana of the district recently.  
A case was filed with the police in this regard.  
Another report adds: An old man named Thaseen Ali (70) was killed in a road mishap on Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway recently.  
The agitated people of the locality blocked the road for three hours just after the incident.  
According to the witnesses, the accident took place when a Halaughat bound minibus was on its way from Dhaka and crushed the victim Thaseen Ali near Shikarikandi village under Kotwali under its wheels. The minibus fled away.  
A case was filed with the police in this connection.

**JAMALPUR**

**Fulkuri Asar's founding day observed**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Oct 30: A discussion meeting was held here at Jamalpur Singhjani High School auditorium recently in observance of the 18th founding anniversary of child organisation 'Fulkuri Asar'.  
Prof Asrafuddin presided over the meeting. Additional Deputy Commissioner Fazlul Haque was present at the meeting as chief guest while Headmaster Yousuf Ali of Singhjani High School and Falzur Rahman, Convener of Jatiyatabadi Sriramik Dal district unit attended as special guests. It was addressed among others by Mahboob Alam, Hafizur Rahman.

**NETRAKONA**

**Drug addicts on increase**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Oct 30: The number of drug addicts is gradually increasing here resulting in extensive anti-social activities in the district.  
According to informed sources, more than 1000 people of the district have been addicted to drugs like heroin, ganja and charas.  
Most of the addicts belong to age groups between 15 and 45 years. Family dispute, unemployment and unhappy conjugal life were said to be the main reasons behind drug addiction.  
Besides, a large number of transport workers, small shopkeepers, businessmen, female students, government employees, restaurant owners and college students have become addicted to drugs, it is alleged.  
Easy availability of drugs has aggravated the situation.  
According to sources, drugs are available in almost all the pharmacies in the town and urban areas and are being sold with impunity.

**KISHOREGANJ**

**One crushed to death**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Oct 30: One Pashar Ali (48) was crushed under the wheels of a Kishoreganj-bound passenger bus on Kishoreganj-Mymensingh Highway at Shambhuganj bus stand of the district recently.  
Eye witnesses said the victim, while returning home from Mymensingh town, was hit by a Kishoreganj-bound bus (Dhaka Jha-1257).  
The body was sent to the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy. Police seized the bus but the driver and the helper managed to flee. A case was registered with the local police in this connection.

**CHITTAGONG**

**One gets 10 yrs RI for keeping heroin**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Oct 30: The Second Assistant Sessions and Special Tribunal Judge, Chittagong, Abdur Rashid, recently sentenced one Abul Kalam alias Abu to ten years imprisonment for illegally keeping seven grams of heroin, reports BSS.  
The judge also fined the accused Taka 10,000.  
The prosecution story is that acting on a tip off, port police caught red-handed Abul Kalam with seven grams of heroin while he was going by a baby taxi near Saltgola on 18 April, 1989. Police later submitted a chargesheet against the accused.

**MAULVIBAZAR**

**One held with pipeguns**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Oct 30: Maulvibazar thana police recovered two pipeguns including some other lethal weapons here on October 24, and arrested one person from the town.  
Acting on secret information, police raided the house of one Ismail Miah of Sunapur-Barabari area and arrested one Raju Ahmed Badrul with two pipeguns, two rounds of SLR bullets, two chapattis, two knives, one razor, and two pipes for pipegun manufacturing.  
On the same day, acting on a tip off, police rushed to another spot at Matarkapon area of the town and recovered one pipegun and two rounds of bullets.  
Two separate cases have already been lodged with Maulvibazar thana.

**RAJSHAHI**

**20 BCU activists hurt in police lathi charge**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Oct 30: At least 20 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra Union were injured when police resorted to lathi charge to a rally in front of the office of the Assistant High Commissioner of India here recently, reports UNB.  
The student front of CPB held the rally protesting the Indian push-in drive.  
Chhatra Union leaders claimed that police baton charged their peaceful rally while three of their members entered the High Commission office to submit a memorandum.  
Of the injured, seven were given first aid at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.  
Earlier, the rally was addressed, among others, by Habinuzzaman Chuni, RUCSU AGS and Mahfuzur Rahman, district BCU president.  
Chhatra Union leaders in a statement condemned the police attack.

**BARISAL**

**Sarbahara Party men gouge out teacher's eyes**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Oct 30: Outlawed Sarbahara Party men allegedly gouged out eyes of a school teacher in broad day light at Sahazra village of Gourmadi thana Monday last, reports UNB.  
According to local people, the victim Mozammel Haq was trying to resist the activities of these Sarbahara Party members in that locality.  
Mozammel Haq was later found lying on the road with grievous injuries.  
No case was filed and no one arrested in this connection.

**BRAHMANBARIA**

**2 killed, 11 hurt in road mishap**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Oct 30: Two persons were killed and 11 injured in a road accident on Brahmanbaria-Sylhet Highway at Kathabari under Sadar thana on October 21.  
The victims are: Md Ali Amjad Khan (40), a rickshaw passenger and Jabber Miah (50), a passenger of the bus.  
All the injured persons were admitted to the Madhabpur hospital.  
The mishap occurred when a Madhabpur-bound local bus (Chatra Ba 9877) fell into a ditch.  
Additional Police Super (Circle) Khondaker Eaqub Ali and Officer-in-Charge of Sadar thana Chowdhury Md Ali visited the spot.  
A case has been filed with Sadar thana. The driver of the bus managed to flee away.

**PABNA**

**Problems discouraging children from going to schools**

**From Our Correspondent**  
Oct 30: The University Primary Education Programme (UPEP) in the greater Pabna district is facing setback owing to shortage of teachers, furniture and accommodations, reports UNB.  
Higher prices of educational appliances and financial crisis of the schools are, among other factors, directly discouraging children from going to schools.  
Of the total, 1642 primary schools mostly damaged by floods, storms and cyclone during the last few years are yet to be repaired. Many schools are holding their classes under the sky and have no arrangements for drinking water, toilets and urinals for the students.  
There are 1236 government and 408 non-government primary schools in the district.  
According to officials, the number of school going children in the greater district is about 10.97 lakh. Of them only 2.98 lakh are getting chances of elementary education in 1236 government schools.  
Shortage of teaching staff has aggravated the situation further. A total of 187 posts of teachers have been lying vacant for a long time, the sources added.  
Two people were killed including a minor in two separate accidents in the district Wednesday, police said.  
Police also recovered a body of a woman who committed suicide by hanging herself from a tree protesting the marriage settled by her parents against her will.  
In another incident Saiful Islam, (25) of Santal thana was beaten to death by a gang of mastans on Sunday.  
Luna (5), daughter of Musa of Hamichapur village in sadar thana drowned in a pond on Monday while Khodeza Begum (22) of village Goalgaon was allegedly beaten to death by her husband Nesar Ali for dowry on Monday.  
Three separate cases were filed with the police.  
Five persons died of unnatural deaths in separate incidents in the district, police sources said.  
In one incident Modia (11), daughter of Ranizan Ali Sheikh of Balarampur of sadar thana allegedly committed suicide by taking poison following a family quarrel on Thursday.  
Jamilia Khatoun (24), daughter of Akmal Hossain of Arifpur village allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a tree protesting the marriage settled by her parents against her will.  
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Oct 30: Bumper aman production is expected in the southern regions of the country this year, official sources here said, reports UNB.  
According to officials, prospect of aman crop in Patuakhali, Borguan, Jhalakathi, Pirojpur, Bhola, Barisal, Madaripur, Rajbari, Faridpur, Gopalganj and Shariatpur is appeared to be bright this year compared to the previous year.  
According to farmers, despite insufficient rain, the nature greatly favoured the farmers to get better plantation and growth of paddy plants this year in the southern region.  
Local Agricultural Extension Department sources said an extensive scheme has been taken up to bring 5.25 lakh acres of land under aman farming in six thanas of Patuakhali districts. Of them 1.40 lakh acres have been brought under High Yielding Variety and the rest 3.85 lakh acres under local variety.  
Meanwhile, Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation has disbursed HTV seeds, fertilizers and necessary inputs among the farmers at fair prices to make the scheme a success.  
According to official estimate, about eight lakh metric tons of aman paddy is expected to be produced in the district.  
Mosquito menace as assumed an alarming proportion in the town causing inconveniences to the dwellers.  
According to the dwellers, with the advent of autumn season the mosquitoes are flocking in large numbers from bush, derelict ponds and other breeding centres hampering normal activities. They said due to mosquito bite malaria fever has broken out in many areas.  
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Rural children find fun and frolic in catching fish from a pumped out pond. — Star photo

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**Diarrhoea claims 90 lives in Tangail**

**TANGAIL, Oct 30:** At least 90 persons died and several thousand were attacked by diarrhoea in the district over the last few weeks, reports BSS.  
Bhuapur, Madhupur, Mirzapur, Kalihati, Ghatal and Delduar are the worst affected areas.  
Civil Surgeon office source said that 100 people were attacked by diarrhoea in different areas of the district. A good number of medical teams have been working in the affected areas, the source said.  
Local physicians called it Asiatic type cholera and said that it had broken out in an epidemic form. Scarcity of drinking water, bad sanitation and unhygienic living condition are ascribed as causes for the out break of disease.  
Tangail Pourashava has taken up twenty-six projects under its Annual Development Programme in the current financial year at a cost of Taka 32.14 lakh.  
Under the projects 14 roads of the town will be repaired and two culverts will be constructed.  
Work on the projects will be completed by June next, a pourashava source said.  
Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury called upon the students to exercise healthy politics and acquire knowledge side by side.  
He was addressing a students gathering at Saadat University College premises here recently.  
The function was also addressed, among others, by State Minister for Relief Lutfur Raham Khan, State Minister for Communications Fazlur Rahman Patal, Abdus Salam Penloo MP, Amanullah Aman MP, DUCSU GS Khairul Khokan and local BNP and Chhatra Dal leaders.

**Rival groups' clash leaves 8 injured**

**SATKHIRA, Oct 30:** Eight persons were injured, four seriously, in a clash between the two rival groups at village Mathurespur in Kaliganj thana Tuesday, reports UNB.  
According to witnesses, the clash ensued over the catching of fish of a disputed pond. During the clash one group set ablaze the house of Ahmad of another group. Both the groups used lethal weapons in the clash.  
The seriously injured Nastr, Salahuddin, Nazim and Ahmad were rushed to the local hospital.

**45,000 acres of fertile land lying fallow**

**KHAGRACHHARI, Oct 30:** About 45,000 acres of fertile cultivable lands have been lying fallow in the district for want of agricultural loan and irrigation facilities, reports UNB.  
Local Agricultural Extension Department officials said that at least 800 metric tons of additional foodgrains could be produced annually, if these lands were brought under cultivation.  
The farmers can not bring these lands under cultivation due to their inability to purchase agricultural inputs at prices beyond their capacity.  
Disbursement of agricultural loan remains halted because of tribal insurgency in the district.  
The fallow lands are found in Dhighinala, Ramgarh, Panchhari, Mahalchhari and Sadar thanas of the district.  
An all-party committee submitted a memorandum to the Security Zone Administrator of Manikchhari demanding the restoration of ration supply for six months more to residents of cluster villages in the thana.  
The authorities stopped supplying ration to 1500 families residing in 7 cluster villages in the thana.  
In the memorandum submitted, recently, it was stated that they remained confined for three years in the cluster villages which made them almost insolvent.  
The villagers have been affected by the 1991 devastating cyclone, insufficient rainfall and onslaughts by wild elephants and boars, it added.

**Centenary programmes end Brojomohon University College free from terrorism**

**BARISAL, Oct 30:** Planning Minister Zahiruddin Khan attended the concluding day function of the centenary programme of Brojomohon University College as the chief guest on Tuesday, reports BSS.  
The minister recalled the noble gesture of Aswini Kumar Datta who had established the college.  
Khan was happy to know that the college is free from terrorism. He thanked the teachers and students for their endeavour to keep the institution above discord and discrepancy.  
The minister observed that the college has been playing a glorious role in the field of higher education in the country.  
The function was presided over by Prof Mohammad Hanif, Principal of the college.  
Seminar on Aswini Kumar  
A seminar on philanthropist Aswini Kumar Datta was held on Tuesday on the concluding day of the three-day centenary programme of Brojomohon College.  
Principal Md Yunus Khan, State Minister for Education, was in the chair. Principal A F M Nurul Islam read out a paper.  
Abdul Karim Sardar, Maksudur Rahman and Prof Md Hanif, Principal of the college, took part in discussion.  
A function on recollection from memory was also held with the Principal in the chair.  
Old students hold seminar on edn  
Another report adds: A seminar on the expansion of education was held on Monday, the second day to the three-day centenary programme of Brojomohon College with old-student Khan Md Salek in the chair.  
Professor Syed Aminul Hoque read out a paper while Prof Abdul Khaleque, Prof Bahak Ali Khondaker and Prof Abdul Kader took part in the discussion.  
A function on recollection from memory of the old students of the college was also held on the day.  
Historian Straj Uddin Ahmed Khan and Sasanka Mukherjee from India were present as special guests in the function.  
Prof Md Hanif, Moazzem Hossain, Mosharrar Hossain, Sasanka Mukherjee, Sirajuddin Ahmed Khan and Md Salek took part in the programme. Artists from Chandradwip Shilpa Sangstha staged a cultural function in the evening. Nawjes Ali Khan, Abdul Latif, Jewel Aich, Bipasa Aich, Papia Sarwar, Khairul Alam, S M Firaj took part in the programme.  
Over 1,000 guests and some thousand students took part in the function on the day.

**Notes from Chandpur**

**CHANDPUR, Oct 30:** Thirty-five salt mills at Chandpur have been brought under a scheme to produce iodised salt in co-operation with the UNICEF.  
The salt mills are situated at Puran Bazar area would be given financial assistance to purchase machineries and iodine to make the programme a success, the programme is launched in order to check goitre caused by the iodine deficiency.  
**Road condition deplorable**  
The condition of eight miles long Chandpur-Faridganj Road has become very bad. Every day, hundreds of rickshaws, baby-taxi, buses are passing on the road with goods and passengers.  
Cracks and potholes have developed at many points of the road causing that journey hazardous. Water also remain stagnant in different points hampering that movement of pedestrians and vehicles. The local people urged as early as possible.  
**World Child Day observed**  
The World Child Day was observed here in a befitting manner to promote the rights of the children.  
Different organisations including district administration chalked out programmes in observance of the day.  
In this connection, a children's procession was brought out from Chanddur Press Club. A discussion meeting was held at Chandpur Rotary Club with Md Yakub Ali in the chair.  
**Activities of police intensified**  
The activities of police have been intensified to curb terrorism in Chandpur district.  
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Local people urged the authority concerned to rehabilitate them as early as possible. Another report said: children were seriously injured in a bomb explosion at a village in Matlab thana, police said here recently.  
Witnesses said the two children were playing in the field in Kalipur village where the bomb suddenly exploded on Thursday.  
Injured Ovi (2) and Satter (7) were rushed to the nearby health complex and later referred to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.  
A case has been filed with local police.

**Diarrhoea claims 90 lives in Tangail**

**TANGAIL, Oct 30:** At least 90 persons died and several thousand were attacked by diarrhoea in the district over the last few weeks, reports BSS.  
Bhuapur, Madhupur, Mirzapur, Kalihati, Ghatal and Delduar are the worst affected areas.  
Civil Surgeon office source said that 100 people were attacked by diarrhoea in different areas of the district. A good number of medical teams have been working in the affected areas, the source said.  
Local physicians called it Asiatic type cholera and said that it had broken out in an epidemic form. Scarcity of drinking water, bad sanitation and unhygienic living condition are ascribed as causes for the out break of disease.  
Tangail Pourashava has taken up twenty-six projects under its Annual Development Programme in the current financial year at a cost of Taka 32.14 lakh.  
Under the projects 14 roads of the town will be repaired and two culverts will be constructed.  
Work on the projects will be completed by June next, a pourashava source said.  
Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury called upon the students to exercise healthy politics and acquire knowledge side by side.  
He was addressing a students gathering at Saadat University College premises here recently.  
The function was also addressed, among others, by State Minister for Relief Lutfur Raham Khan, State Minister for Communications Fazlur Rahman Patal, Abdus Salam Penloo MP, Amanullah Aman MP, DUCSU GS Khairul Khokan and local BNP and Chhatra Dal leaders.

**Rival groups' clash leaves 8 injured**

**SATKHIRA, Oct 30:** Eight persons were injured, four seriously, in a clash between the two rival groups at village Mathurespur in Kaliganj thana Tuesday, reports UNB.  
According to witnesses, the clash ensued over the catching of fish of a disputed pond. During the clash one group set ablaze the house of Ahmad of another group. Both the groups used lethal weapons in the clash.  
The seriously injured Nastr, Salahuddin, Nazim and Ahmad were rushed to the local hospital.

**45,000 acres of fertile land lying fallow**

**KHAGRACHHARI, Oct 30:** About 45,000 acres of fertile cultivable lands have been lying fallow in the district for want of agricultural loan and irrigation facilities, reports UNB.  
Local Agricultural Extension Department officials said that at least 800 metric tons of additional foodgrains could be produced annually, if these lands were brought under cultivation.  
The farmers can not bring these lands under cultivation due to their inability to purchase agricultural inputs at prices beyond their capacity.  
Disbursement of agricultural loan remains halted because of tribal insurgency in the district.  
The fallow lands are found in Dhighinala, Ramgarh, Panchhari, Mahalchhari and Sadar thanas of the district.  
An all-party committee submitted a memorandum to the Security Zone Administrator of Manikchhari demanding the restoration of ration supply for six months more to residents of cluster villages in the thana.  
The authorities stopped supplying ration to 1500 families residing in 7 cluster villages in the thana.  
In the memorandum submitted, recently, it was stated that they remained confined for three years in the cluster villages which made them almost insolvent.  
The villagers have been affected by the 1991 devastating cyclone, insufficient rainfall and onslaughts by wild elephants and boars, it added.

**Centenary programmes end Brojomohon University College free from terrorism**

**BARISAL, Oct 30:** Planning Minister Zahiruddin Khan attended the concluding day function of the centenary programme of Brojomohon University College as the chief guest on Tuesday, reports BSS.  
The minister recalled the noble gesture of Aswini Kumar Datta who had established the college.  
Khan was happy to know that the college is free from terrorism. He thanked the teachers and students for their endeavour to keep the institution above discord and discrepancy.  
The minister observed that the college has been playing a glorious role in the field of higher education in the country.  
The function was presided over by Prof Mohammad Hanif, Principal of the college.  
Seminar on Aswini Kumar  
A seminar on philanthropist Aswini Kumar Datta was held on Tuesday on the concluding day of the three-day centenary programme of Brojomohon College.  
Principal Md Yunus Khan, State Minister for Education, was in the chair. Principal A F M Nurul Islam read out a paper.  
Abdul Karim Sardar, Maksudur Rahman and Prof Md Hanif, Principal of the college, took part in discussion.  
A function on recollection from memory was also held with the Principal in the chair.  
Old students hold seminar on edn  
Another report adds: A seminar on the expansion of education was held on Monday, the second day to the three-day centenary programme of Brojomohon College with old-student Khan Md Salek in the chair.  
Professor Syed Aminul Hoque read out a paper while Prof Abdul Khaleque, Prof Bahak Ali Khondaker and Prof Abdul Kader took part in the discussion.  
A function on recollection from memory of the old students of the college was also held on the day.  
Historian Straj Uddin Ahmed Khan and Sasanka Mukherjee from India were present as special guests in the function.  
Prof Md Hanif, Moazzem Hossain, Mosharrar Hossain, Sasanka Mukherjee, Sirajuddin Ahmed Khan and Md Salek took part in the programme. Artists from Chandradwip Shilpa Sangstha staged a cultural function in the evening. Nawjes Ali Khan, Abdul Latif, Jewel Aich, Bipasa Aich, Papia Sarwar, Khairul Alam, S M Firaj took part in the programme.  
Over 1,000 guests and some thousand students took part in the function on the day.

**Notes from Chandpur**