

**District roundup**

**SATKHIRA**  
**Denationalisation plan of T&T protested**

Oct 31: The employees of T&T Board staged a demonstration protesting government plan to denationalise the board at the office premises here Wednesday, reports UNB. Condemning the plan to denationalise the board the speakers at the rally expressed their determination to resist the move at any cost. The rally was addressed by President of BATESCOP Abdul Majid, Joint Secretary Rukunuddin and Organising Secretary Touhidur Rahman. Rally over, a big procession was brought out which paraded the streets of the town. Later, they submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

**DINAJPUR**  
**Fake inspector nabbed**

Oct 31: A fake inspector was arrested from a local bank here on Monday, reports UNB. Imposter Emajuddin (40), introduced himself as NSI Inspector, was picked up from the principal office of Sonali Bank when he was trying to gain some illegal benefits, police said.

Acting on information, Kotowali police went to the bank and arrested him. Emajuddin hailed from Beluadanga village in the thana. A case was registered with the local police in this connection.

**FARIDPUR**  
**Release of former President demanded**

Oct 31: A Jatiya Party rally in the town demanded immediate release of former President Ershad and withdrawal of warrant of arrest against Jatiya Samik Party President Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar, reports UNB.

District unit of JP organised the rally at Alipur crossing on Friday with its convenor Advocate Amiruzzaman Chunnun in the chair.

The rally was addressed by former Sadar Upazila Chairman Imran Hossain Chowdhury, Advocate Nasiruddin Ahmed Musa, Saiful Islam Nilu, Mesbahur Rahman and student leader Hemayet Hossain Piku.

Earlier, leaders and activists of the party brought out a procession in the town chanting slogans in support of their demands.

**GAIABANDHA**  
**One killed in mass beating**

Oct 31: One Maku (27) of village Baikundapur Sonatdanga under Gobindaganj thana was allegedly killed in a mass beating at village Durgapur under Saghatana thana on Saturday night, reports BSS.

Maku was returning home late at night when some villagers and Village Defence Party (VDP) men took him to be thief. They beat him till he became senseless. The VDP members were removing him to Saghatana Hospital but Maku died on the way.

Police took the VDP members to custody on the basis of the case filed by the wife of the victim. Police sent the body to morgue for postmortem. Police investigation is going on.

**MYMENSINGH**  
**15 school students held**

Oct 31: At least 15 school students were arrested while protesting government move to reject objective type questions in the SSC examination Thursday, reports UNB.

Police picked up 15 students of local schools when they were marching in a procession and rampaging vehicles. At least two cars were damaged during the demonstration.

Police dispersed the mob and brought the situation under control. A case was filed with the Kotowali thana in this connection.

BSS from Netrokona says: Diarrhoeal diseases have broken out in an epidemic form in four thanas of Netrokona district.

Netrakona Civil Surgeon Dr Latifur Rahman told BSS correspondent that diarrhoea has claimed a total of 19 lives and attacked 893 others during the last fortnight.

The diarrhoea affected thanas are Durgapur, Purbadhala, Atpara and Netrokona sadar. Most of the victims are children, he said. A total of 47 medical teams are working round the clock in the diarrhoea affected areas, the civil surgeon said.

**FENI**  
**Oldman commits suicide**

Oct 31: An old man allegedly committed suicide by taking poison in Sadar thana last week, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Abdus Sattar (55), of Shibpur village in the thana. He was suffering from complicated ailment, family sources and local people said. He was the father of four sons and a daughter.



MADARIPUR: The erosion of the river Arial Kha has left the family homeless. The affected people have been passing hard days. — Star photo

**Erosion renders over 1000 homeless during 15 days**

MADARIPUR, Oct 31: More than 1,000 families of the district have been rendered homeless by the erosion of the rivers Padma and Arial Kha during the last fortnight, reports UNB.

Of them, 500 families have been rendered shelterless in Char Bachamara, Kathal Bari and Shannyeshir Char villages of Shibchar thana alone and the rest in other parts of the district, informed sources said. The victims took shelter on embankments and Dhaka-Mawa highway and passing their days in extreme hardships. No relief materials have yet been reached to them, the sources added.

Meanwhile, various diseases including skin and intestinal have broken out among the erosion affected people. They have urged the authorities to provide them with food and medicine and take scheme for their early rehabilitation.

**242 pry teachers' post lying vacant**

At least 242 posts of primary school teacher in Madaripur and Shariatpur districts have been lying vacant for a long time hampering smooth functioning of primary education.

According to the official sources, 16 posts have been lying vacant in Sadar, 11 in Kalkini, three in Shibchar and

11 in Rajoir thanas of Madaripur district while seven have been lying vacant in Sadar, 31 in Zanaira, 29 in Gosairhat, 55 in Bhedergonj and 51 in Naria thanas of Shariatpur district.

Local people informed that most of the existing teachers are not sincere to their profession. They come to school just to sign their attendance registers. There is none to look into the matter.

Some guardians said that they brought the matter with the higher authorities several times but yielded no results.

**Training course on diarrhoeal diseases**

MAGURA, Oct 31: A day-long training course on diarrhoeal diseases control and treatment under the auspices of Civil Surgeon office concluded at the district health department on October 25, reports UNB.

A total of 200 members of Bangladesh Gram Dactar Samity and medicine sellers from different parts of Sadar thana participated in the training course.

Local doctors of the sadar hospital sought cooperation of the village doctors to control the disease.

**Fishermen need patronisation**

KURIGRAM, Oct 30: The fishermen of nine thanas of Kurigram district have been facing manifold problems including exploitation by the non-professional fishermen and lack of patronisation.

The fishermen are subjected to exploitation by the village touts, thugs and influential people. The interested people have been resorting to various coercive and fraudulent practices in trading with the miseries of helpless fishermen.

The indiscriminate fishing by non-professional unplanned irrigation projects and use of chemical fertiliser in the crop fields have further aggravated the situation. The existence of pisciculture and the fish resources have been seriously threatened.

The fisheries department has failed to supply required

fish fry for the development of fish resources in the district though a good number of water bodies have facilities for pisciculture.

Most of the fishermen of the district are being faced with problems in procuring the fishing appliances due to want of capital. They find it difficult to procure boats, nets and other appliances due to fund constraints.

It may be mentioned here that they borrow money from the local mahajans at a very high rate of interest finding no other alternative. They get no loan from banks, it is informed.

Besides, the leasing of the jalmahals is irregular and most of them have been grabbed by vested interest.

Moreover, the practice of

the sub-lease to the non-fishermen has been prevailing. The touts often snatch away the nets along with other fishing appliances from the genuine fishermen.

The allotment of yarn is manipulated by village touts due to mismanagement. The fishermen's cooperative societies have become ineffective due to lack of cooperation.

Catching of fish-try is going all over the district hampering the prospect of fish production though the government strictly prohibits catching of fish fry.

Defying the government prohibition, a section of unscrupulous people under the garb of fishermen is catching fish fry of ruhit, katla, chital, boal, and other fish from rivers, canals, ponds, beels, and other water bodies of the district.

**Notes from Chuadanga**

From Our Correspondent CHUADANGA, Oct 31: The teleprinter machine of the Local Telephone and Telegraph Office has gone out of order since August 26 last.

As a result, people have been suffering much since then. Telegrams of all kinds including the press are being despatched by post.

The MOARSE system of telegraph has been abolished from here for a long. There is no other alternative to despatch the telegrams from here. The authority concerned is also not paying any heed to this problem.

It may be noted here that, over one hundred telegrams are despatched from here and equal number of telegrams are also received here every day.

Immediate steps are needed to repair or regularise the teleprinter machine of the local telegraph office.

**Unnatural death on rise**

The rate of unnatural deaths in Alamdanga thana of the district is increasing abnormally.

According to an unofficial report, during the first seven months of this year, 51 people committed suicide in Alamdanga thana of which 28 are female and 23 are male.

Of the total unnatural death cases, 38 persons committed suicide by taking poison. Of which 14 are male and 24 are female while 13 persons committed suicide by hanging themselves of which 9 are female and four are male.

The unnatural death caused due to poverty, family tumult, dowry, colic pain and suffering from diseases.

**Body recovered**

The body of one Yasin Ali (30) of Chuadanga Islam Para was found at Panch Fokot about one mile away from Chuadanga Railway Station recently.

The victim, Yasin Ali left Chuadanga for Dhaka on September 28 last. After twelve days, he was found dead at the above mentioned place. He was stabbed and one of his legs was also cut off.

It is gathered Yasin was a rickshaw puller. He came here from Pabna and got married the daughter of one Akalay of Chuadanga Islam Para. He used to live here along with his mother and two brothers. Chuadanga railway GRP police handed the body of Yasin to the Poradah railway police for postmortem.

**One killed in road mishap**

One Ishahaque Ali aged about 65 years was killed on the spot near Monhorpur High School under Jibannagar thana when he was knocked down by a speeding bus recently.

The victim Ishahaque was a resident of village Purandapur under Moheshpur thana of Jhenidah district. He was returning home from Dosto village by a by-cycle. When he reached near Monhorpur High School on Chuadanga-Kaliganj bus route suddenly he was hit there by a running bus. As a result, he died on the spot. A case has been started in this regard with the Jibannagar police station. The driver and the helper of the bus fled away.

**Transport problem**

The students of the local government girl's high school has facing acute transport problem. Throughout the year, they have to undergo much inconveniences to maintain regular attendance in the school. At the time of examinations the students can not but endure much anxieties for their timely attendance at the examinations.

The students coming from far-off places have to cover the distance specially by rickshaws.

As a result, the guardians have to bear a heavy sum of money for their wards transportation purpose.

It is surprising that the concerned authorities pay little attention towards the solution of the problem despite repeated requests from the guardians.

**Policeman, another one hurt in bomb blast**

RAJSHAHI, Oct 31: Two persons, including a police personnel, was injured recently when dacoits blasted bombs in a bid to free four of their accomplices in a village in Tanore thana of the district, reports UNB.

A police squad led by ASP Murshed Khan came under bomb attack at about 3 am when it was returning from village Pachandar after arresting four dacoits.

Officer-in-Charge of Tanore thana Abdul Mutalib was injured in the bomb attack. A dacoit also sustained injured when police retaliated with six rounds of gunshots. Both of them were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

**Drinking water scarcity acute in Sylhet**

From Our Correspondent SYLHET Oct 31: Acute scarcity of drinking water has been creating a serious problem to the people of the rural areas of the district for long.

According to reports; the existing number of tubewells in 11 thanas of the district sunk by the department of Public Health Engineering (PHE) is inadequate to meet the growing demands of the people, especially the villagers.

According to an official source, there are about 17,000 tubewells in the district. The total population of the district now stands at over 21 lakh.

Of the total number of tubewells, at least 900 have been lying choked up in different areas of the district. Many of them went out of order two or three years ago.

The people in general, especially those who live in the remote villages, have to depend on wells, tanks rivers for drinking water.

Immediate and effective measures should be taken up by the government with a view to reworking the choked up tubewells in the district, it is widely felt.

**Bus journey hazardous, risky on different routes in Sirajganj**

From Our Correspondent SIRAJGANJ, Oct 31: Bus journey different routes in Sirajganj district have risky and hazardous due to plying of unfit vehicles and rash driving.

It is gathered that every day about one hundred buses and minibuses run on Sirajganj-Pabna, Sirajganj-Bogra, Sirajganj-Kazipur-Tarash-Kamarkhanda-Belkuchi and Sirajganj-Chowdhali routes.

Condition of the vehicles running in long routes are comparative better than those running in the inter-thana routes.

The buses and minibuses of inter-thana routes have no window glasses and even some have no front or back glasses. Some vehicles are running without proper fitness certificates for years together.

The motor owners association have a little control over the workers. Thousands of helpers passengers have become the hostages of the workers.

Overloading has also become a regular phenomenon in the buses of inter-thana routes.

It can be mentioned here that black smokes of the motor vehicles have been polluting the environment and disturbing

ing sounds are causing immense annoyance to the people.

This situation have been prevailing since long past but none took any step to mitigate the sufferings of the people as yet.

**AL factional clash leaves 11 injured in Pabna**

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**Police officer, two cops put under suspension for negligence of duty**

JAMALPUR, Oct 31: Three police personnel were suspended in Madariganj thana Wednesday for negligence of duty in confining a notorious criminal who escaped while on police custody, reports UNB.

An Officer-in-Charge and two constables were suspended after Hakku Sarder, a cow lifter and an alleged terror of the locality, arrested from village Velamari got free for the second time from police custody.

Assistant Police Super, Abdus Samad told UNB that Hakku, arrested on Saturday on charge of lifting cows and other crimes. Some of his accomplices suddenly attack the police on way back to thana and freed Hakku Sarder. Four police men including one sub-inspector was injured in the attack.

Later, Hakku was captured again on Monday but he managed to flee from the thana custody after five hours of his arrest.

Local people brought out a procession protesting the incident and demanded immediate arrest of the accused and stern action against those responsible for his release.

A case has been filed in this connection with Madarganj thana.

**'BNP a stooge of India'**

NARSINGDI, Oct 31: Awami League General Secretary Zillur Rahman recently blamed the government for entering into an "illegal agreement" with India which prompted New Delhi to start pushing her citizens into Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Speaking at a mass reception in local town hall, he described Clause 11 of the May 28 Indo-Bangladesh joint communique as contrary to national interest.

Rahman alleged that BNP had entered into "a secret agreement" with India during Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's visit to Delhi to please Prime Minister Narasimha Rao.

"With the signing of such a communique, BNP branded itself as a stooge of India," Rahman said.

The Awami League leader said India had never raised such issue in last 40 years and questioned why she took up the plan deporting her Bengali-speaking citizens to Bangladesh immediately after Begum Zia's trip and signing of the joint communique.

Referring to the question of trial of Jamaat chief Golam Azam, Rahman said late President Ziaur Rahman allowed Azam to enter Bangladesh in 1978 under "a blueprint of his government

for rehabilitating in politics of the anti-liberation forces".

"Following the footprint of her late husband, Begum Zia came to a secret understanding with Golam Azam to capture power," Rahman alleged and called for mass movement for trial of the "war criminal" and his associates.

Alhaj Mousuddin, President of Narsingdi Awami League, presided over the function. Party central leaders Razuddin Ahmed and Nurul Majid Humayun also spoke at the function.

**3 forged currency note makers arrested**

BARISAL, Oct 31: Patharghata thana police has recovered some equipment used for making forged currency notes and arrested three persons with forged currency notes from Nishan Baria village under Patharghata thana of Barguna district, a police source said, reports BSS.

Acting on secret information, the police raided the house of Mosharraf (45), A Kader (40) and Altaf (50) of the same village and arrested them and recovered some equipment, chemicals and two forged ten taka notes.

**workshop on FP coordination concludes**

Oct 31: A workshop on co-ordination under the auspices of Bangladesh Family Planning Samity was held at the Agriculture and Research Institute at Alamnagar here recently, reports UNB. Presided over by President of the Rangpur Samity Dr Abdus Sattar the inaugural function was held on Sunday (October 26) was attended by about 40 government and non-government officials.

The Director Family Planning Rajshahi Division inaugurated the workshop. Among others, Director General of the Samity Workaram Hossain Chowdhury, Deputy DG Najmul Haque and Humayun Kabir, honorary secretary of the organisation addressed the function.

**Human rights implementation committee formed**

Oct 31: A meeting of the Barisal District Human Rights Implementation Committee was held at the bar library premises recently with Advocate Md Hemayet Uddin Ahmed in the chair, reports BSS.

A 51-member committee for the Barisal Human Rights Implementation Committee was formed with advocate Md Hemayet Uddin Ahmed as President and Advocate Goffar Khan as Secretary.

**MADARIPUR**  
**Death of Photo Journalist condoled**

Oct 31: Jatiya Sangbadik Sangstha (JSS) of the district condoled the tragic death of Photo Journalist Khairul Alam Khair and demanded judicial inquiry into the train accident on Tuesday at Dhaka, reports UNB.

The meeting held Wednesday was presided over by Forkan Ahmed was addressed among others by local journalists Muniruzzaman Mamun Saitm, Farazi Golam, Azam Iran and Abul Haasat. Khairul Alam, Photo Journalist of Dinik Samachar was killed in the accident while on professional duty.



AGRI-VARSITY: The Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan speaking as chief guest at a function arranged to observe the 119th birth anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Huq held at the F H Hall common room of BAU on October 26.

**Problems disturb normal life at town**

DINAJPUR, Oct 31: Dinaipur Paurasava has been facing manifold problems disturbing normal town life, reports UNB. Deplorable condition of most of the roads in the town, inadequate street lights, absence of proper drainage system, lack of proper sanitary arrangement, mosquito menace and frequent power failure have been causing great inconveniences to the residents.

Most roads have developed cracks and potholes at many points and become muddy and slippery after a slight rainfall causing hindrance to the movement of pedestrians and vehicles.

The roadside ditches remain filled with garbage which are not cleared regularly and have turned into mosquito breeding centres.

Most of the street lights in the poura areas have no bulbs and power remains off for hours together plunging the town into darkness after sundown giving rise to anti-social activities.

Acute shortage of accommodation is also a great problem as new houses are not being constructed here to meet the needs of increasing number of town residents.

There is no park in the town for recreation of the local people.

The village oilmen of the district are passing their days in hardship as bullock driven oil mills, the age-old cottage industry of the area, are now on the verge of extinction.

It is learnt that being unable to cope with problems many oilmen of the district have already given up their profession.

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