

District roundup

AGRI-VARSITY

Seminar on environment hazard ends

A seminar on Environment and Health Hazard held here Sunday at the Shiplacharya Zainul Abedin auditorium under the auspices of the Teachers' Council, reports UNB.

Health and Family Planning Minister Choudhury Kamal ibne Eusuf was present as the chief guest while Vice-Chancellor Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan attended as special guest, said a press release.

Prof Mufakharul Islam presented the key note paper at the seminar while President of the Teachers' Council Prof M Rafiqul Haque presided over the session.

Among others who participated in the discussion are: Prof M Ahmed, Director of BAURES, Prof SM Farouk, Director of Planning and Development and Prof ML Rahman, Head of Agricultural Finance Department of the varsity.

DINAJPUR

Husband kills wife

Nov 15: One woman was killed allegedly by her husband at Ghorahat thana in the district, police said Saturday, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Halima Khatun (25), wife of Abu Bakar Siddique. She was found dead in a locked room. A piece of cloth was pushed into her mouth.

Halima Khatun was pregnant. Her husband was absconding since the incident. The body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

A case has been filed with the local thana.

Another message adds: BDR jawans arrested one smuggler and seized 25 pieces of Sarees and 5 metres of clothes at Kotwali thana in the district on Sunday.

The arrested person was identified as Altaf Hossain of Bontara union.

CHITTAGONG

Int'l Qirat contest starts

Nov 15: An international qirat competition held at Andarkilla Shah Jame Masjid here Sunday under the auspices of Iqra, an international Quran reciting association, reports BSS.

According to a press release of the association, eminent quiris from Iran, Turkey, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Pakistan, India and Bangladesh took part in the competition.

Planning Minister AM Zahir Uddin Khan attended at the competition as chief guest while Khatib of the Jame Masjid Syed Abdul Ahad Al-Madani presided over.

SATKHIRA

One alleged kidnapper held

Nov 15: On secret information, Satkhira police arrested Sohail alias Riaz, son of Saich Ahmed of Rajbari and Tahmina Hossain, daughter of Tafazzel of Siddheshwari Dhaka from Mahmadpur under Satkhira sadar thana Wednesday, reports BSS.

Police said Tahmina was kidnapped by Sohail from Dhaka on Sept 28.

A case was lodged with Ramna PS and on information police arrested them. Both of them were sent to Dhaka.

NETRAKONA

Nationalised banks yet to disburse loan for Aman farming

Nov 15: The nationalised banks are yet to start disbursing loans for Aman cultivation in the district, although the Aman season is fast running out, reports UNB.

Bank sources said that the government had sanctioned Taka one crore 70 thousand for the current Aman season. But the banks have disbursed Taka 13.55 lakh only among 418 farmers in the district.

The Agriculture Extension Department had laid emphasis on Aman cultivation in order to recoup crop losses caused by natural calamities.

A senior officer of a bank said that they were awaiting clearance from the higher authorities on loan disbursement.

COMILLA

Indian goods recovered

Nov 15: BDR jawans have recovered Indian goods worth Taka 15.50 lakh and seized sugar, sarees and lungis in two separate raids, reports UNB.

They raided the Chittagong bound Chittagong mail at the Comilla station on November 5 and seized Indians goods worth about Taka 12 lakh.

In another raid on November 7 at the Comilla station in which 133 bags of Indian sugar worth Taka 3.50 lakh were recovered from a coach of Nasirabad express.

Two separate cases were filed with the local police.

NOAKHALI

Load shedding hampers production

Nov 15: Load shedding in the district headquarters has been hampering production and causing untold suffering to the people, reports UNB.

According to the local sources, the load shedding continues for more than 10 hours a day. Power supply is highly irregular particularly at Sonapur.

Disruption occurs for ten to fifteen times daily hampering production in mills and factories. As a result prices of essential commodities have been showing upward trend causing problems for the low income group of people.

Meanwhile, many household electronic gadgets have already been damaged due to acute loadshedding. Students and hospital patients are the worst sufferers.

Frequent power failure after sundown plunges the area into darkness giving rise to anti-social activities.

Local leaders demanded of the government to take immediate steps to improve the power supply situation to help run the mills and factories smoothly and save the businessmen from incurring huge losses.

FENI

BDR arrest 13 smugglers

Nov 15: BDR arrested 13 smugglers and seized contraband items worth Taka 28 lakh from the border areas, markets, trains and buses last month, reports UNB.

The contraband goods included sugar, blades, garments, cosmetics and glasses.

The arrested persons were identified as Abu Syed, Md Solaiman, Md Jahangir, Abu Taher, Nuruzzaman, Nurul Amin, Idu Miah, Momin Hossain, Israil, Nur Alam, Rafiqul Islam and Abdul Khaleque.

The seized goods were handed over to the customs authorities and cases were filed with the police.

CHANDPUR

12 people hurt in stampede as mild tremor

Nov 15: About a dozen people were injured in stampede as a mild tremor shook the district Friday night, reports UNB.

Local people said the earthquake occurred at 9:54 pm, lasting about 3-4 seconds.

Met office here, however, said it didn't feel the shake as it had no Richter scale.

RAJSHAHI

Seminar on Int'l conspiracy against humanity held

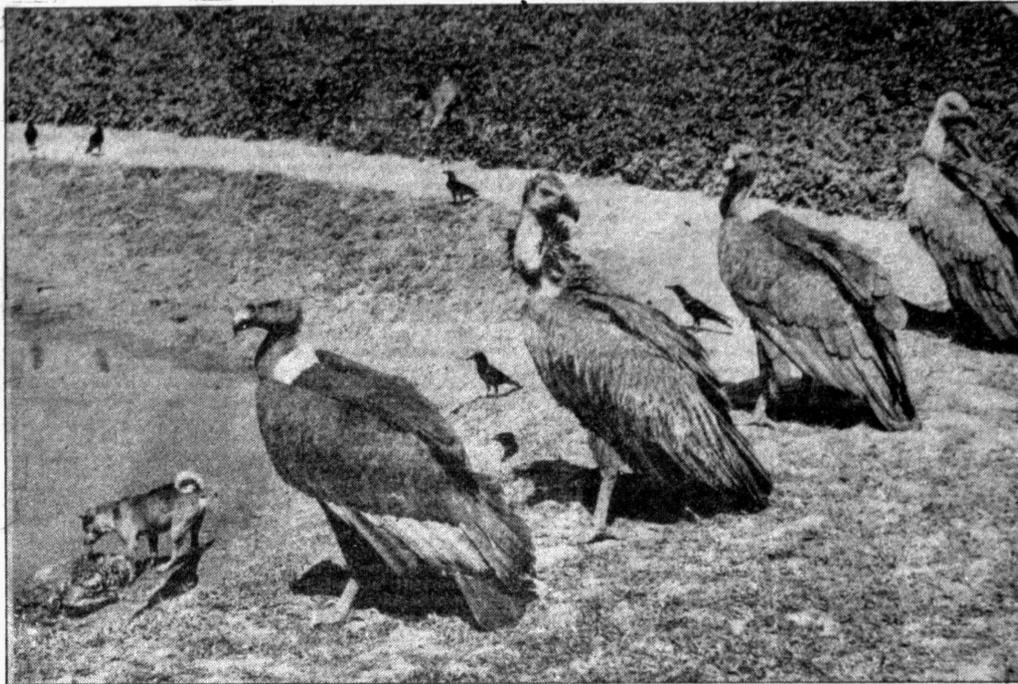
Nov 15: A seminar on 'International conspiracy against humanity' organised by Adarsha Shikkhak Parishad was held at Rajshahi University, reports UNB.

Azharul Islam, Prof of Physics and president of the parishad presided over the seminar held on November 4. Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr Azharuddin was present as chief guest.

Dr Allama Enayetullah, senior scientist of H Power Corporation in New Jersey, USA, was present as the main speaker.

He dwelt at length on the persecution of people around the world particularly the Muslim community. He regretted that when the world reached its pinnacle in science and technology the suffering of the weak and distressed humanity has reached its climax.

Among others, Dr Omar Ali and AKM Mohiuddin also spoke on the occasion.



Majestic vultures: No longer visible.

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Diarrhoea, malaria kill 385, attack 6621 in seven dists

RANGAMATI, Nov 15: Malaria and diarrhoea have claimed 330 lives in Chittagong Hill tracts region in the last 2 and half months, union and thana parishad sources said.

About 30,000 people have been suffering from these diseases in various parts specially in the remote areas of the hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban, the sources said.

In the last fortnight malaria has been spreading fast and claimed 50 lives.

Patients of malaria and diarrhoea undergoing treatment in Rangamati, Panchhari, Mohalechhari and Luxmichhari health complexes of Khagrachari hill district and Lama health complex in Bandarban hill district alleged that they have not been getting life saving drugs and saline.

Scarcity of accommodation compounded the suffering of the patients.

Local leaders have urged the government to arrange necessary medicare services for the sufferers.

Another report from Feni says: At least eight people died of and 100 attacked by diarrhoea in two villages in the district on November 1 and 2.

The victims were identified

as Johra Khatun (32), Moju Miah (50), Myhanun Nesa (2), Shafiullah (60) and Majibul Hoque (55) of village Govindapur in Sadar thana and Hanif (5), Maniuddin (7) and Sajeda Khatun (6) of village Langalmoa in Chhagalnaha thana.

At least 100 people died and 2000 attacked in the district since August 1, unofficial sources said.

District Civil Surgeon's office, however, confirmed 50 deaths and 1386 attacked during the period.

Another reports from Manikganj says: Diarrhoea claimed two lives and attacked 659 others in the district during the last 48 hours, official sources said here Thursday.

But the unofficial death figure is higher.

The deceased were identified as Monsana (7) of Bagutia village in Daulatpur thana and Ramzan (2) of Kazirte village in Shibbalaya thana of the district.

Local doctors said everyday about 60 to 65 diarrhoea patients are being admitted in the health complexes and hospitals.

While talking to UNB the district Civil Surgeon attributed the cause to drinking of impure water and consumption of adulterated food.

Our Rajbari Correspondent

adds: Eight people including five children died of diarrhoea in the district on November 11.

According to unofficial sources, diarrhoea also attacked 862 others during the period with this death toll.

The civil surgeon confirmed four deaths. 1826 people were attacked since October. Among the deaths, Tuhina (8) and Jahanara (10) died at Bahadurpur under Pangsha thana and Morjina (6) at Ramdia in Balakandi thana.

Salma (7) at Ujanchar in Goalundo thana, the identity of others could not be ascertained immediately. Civil Surgeon office sources said, 50 medical team have been working in affected area. Twenty two diarrhoea attacked people admitted in sadar hospital.

Our Bogra Correspondent adds: Diarrhoea turned epidemic form in Bogra district claims 37 and attacked at least 5 thousand over 6 days while any preventive measure yet to be taken by district health authority.

Diarrhoea, claims 8 in Sadar, 3 in Shartakandi, 2 in Sonatola, one in Kahaloo thana. When contacted acting Civil Surgeon acknowledged 15 death at Dhunot.

Notes from Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 15: 'Shaheed Nur Hossain Day' was observed in Belkuchi on Nov 10.

Belkuchi Thana Jubo League arranged milad mahfil and discussion meeting on the occasion with Azad Khashru Hela in the chair. The discussion meeting was addressed by thana Awami League President Saidur Rahman, General Secretary Abdul Latif Biswas, Fazlul Haq, Shafiqul Islam Nayan and student leader Abdus Sabur.

Drama staged

Liberation war based drama 'Idaning Amra Sipai' written by Izbar Rahman was staged at the auditorium of Shahzadpur Shilpi Chakra recently.

The two days' show was produced by local Bibartan Natya Gosthi. A large number of people attended the drama.

Photo Journalist's death condoled

Belkuchi Press Club on November 8 last in a condolence meeting expressed deep concern in the sad demise of Photo Journalist Khairul Alam of Dainik Samachar.

The meeting with Press Club president Asht Choudhury in the chair was addressed by Saidur Rahman and Abdus Samad Khan.

Businessman robbed

Amjad Hossain, a businessman of village Bhadrighat in Kamarkhanda thana was robbed of Taka 10 thousand on Nov 8 night.

The victim while coming back to his home from Kamarkhanda hat was halted on the way by four armed miscreants. They managed to escape with Taka 10 thousand.

A case is lodged with Kamarkhanda police in this connection.

Shahzadpur College polls on Dec 6

The polls of Shahzadpur Government College Students Union will be held on December 6.

Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I), Chhatra League (JSD-Inu) and Sangrami Chhatra Samaj panels are supposed to contest in the election.

Meanwhile, massive campaign is observed. Everyday the college campus is rocked by processions.

Nirmul body meet held

Shahzadpur unit of Ghatak Dalai Nirmul Committee have demanded implementation of 4-point agreement of Nirmul Committee and the Government.

In a public meeting with Thana convenor Abdul Bashir the meeting also demanded immediate release of arrested district leaders including Ittefaq Correspondent Aminul Islam Chowdhury.

Later a procession paraded the main roads of Shahzadpur.

National Youth Day observed

National Youth Day observed in all over the district headquarters.

The programmes of the day was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner A. Z. M. Shafiqul Islam by planting a sapling at the collectorate building compound. In the afternoon, discussion meeting at local Bhashani Milanyatan with thana Magistrate Abdul Malek in the Chair, was addressed by ADC (General) Abul Asad, Civil Surgeon Amzad Hossain and JCD leader Ershadur Rahman Nru.

Seventyeight youngmen held with fake passports

LALMONIRHAT, Nov 15: Seventyeight youngmen trying to cross the border with fake passports in search of jobs abroad were arrested on Tuesday, reports UNB.

They were sent to Rangpur, Jail Wednesday, police said. They were rounded up from the police checkpoint at Burimari in the district.

All the illegal passport holders, 50 of them from Comilla, were ordered into jail custody by the Patgram Thana Court.

Police said the youngmen were trying to cross the border enroute to distant destinations — Australia and Japan.

Another reports says: The district Sangbadik Samity will observe a pen drop strike on November 15 in protest of attack on President of local Press Club and district correspondent of Sangbad Gokul Roy.

Gokul Roy was allegedly as-

sulted at the court premises on November 8 by Advocate Strajul Islam Khan.

At an emergency meeting at the local Press Club on Monday, the samity protested and condemned the attack. They demanded immediate trail and punishment of the accused.

District BNP President Asadul Habib Dulu also condemned the attack and demanded investigation into the matter.

Another report adds: A man allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself at Modati village under Kaligonj thana in the district recently.

Villagers said Mujibur Rahman (32) committed suicide following a quarrel over family affairs.

It was known that his father and uncle also ended their lives by committing suicide earlier.



Agri-varsity: The Oath-taking Ceremony of the newly elected office-bearers of Employees' Association of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) was held recently at the Shiplacharya Zainul Abedin auditorium. The Election Commissioner Mujibur Rahman conducted the ceremony.

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Post offices in dilapidated condition in Manikganj

MANIKGANJ, Nov 15: Most of the thana post offices in the district are in dilapidated condition causing problems for smooth running of the offices, reports UNB.

There are one head post office, 17 sub-post offices and 87 branch post offices in the district.

Rain water enters in the rooms through the roofs of the post offices. Most of the doors and the windows have partially damaged and many records have allegedly damaged during the last rainy season.

Most of the offices are housed in rented houses, majority of which are tin-sheds and accommodation problems are acute. These offices are also lacking modern amenities.

The employees of the post offices urged the concerned authorities to take immediate steps for renovating the offices to ease their suffering.

Another reports adds: Jute cultivators are facing manifold problems due to absence of government jute purchasing centres in the district.

They are selling the product between Taka 150 and Taka 200 which is less than the production cost.

The growers alleged that they are not getting the fair price of jute as the touts and the middlemen are manipulating the whole market. Moreover, the jute market is dull in the district for a long time due to shortage of buyers, they added.

82 projects completed under FW plan

PATUAKHALI, Nov 15: A total of 82 projects under Food for Works Programme have been completed in the district, reports UNB.

About 8,000 metric tons of wheat were utilised for the works in seven thanas of the district, official sources said.

The projects included reconstruction of roads, embankments, bridges, clearing of bushes and water hyacinths, the sources added.

The Food for Works Programme helped the distressed people in the work.

According to another report, 20 Food for Work projects have been completed recently in Gopalganj district. A total of 40 metric tons of

wheat were utilised for implementing the projects, which included earth work, repairing of kutcha roads and clearing of bushes and water hyacinths in the rural areas of the district.

Another report from Jhalakathi adds: A total of 124 projects under Food for Works Programme are in progress in four thanas of the district.

According to official sources, the projects were taken up under rainy season Food for Works Programme in the current year.

Of the total projects, 35 are being executed in Sadar thana, 29 in Nalchitti thana, 36 in Rajapur thana and 24 projects in Kathalia thana.



NATORE: Sailendra Kumar Adhikari, Deputy Commissioner, Natore distributing prizes among the winners of a friendly football match between government and non-government officials in observance of National Revolution and Solidarity Day recently.

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