District roundup

KUSHTIA

Victory Day celebrated

Dec 20: Victory Day was celebrated here in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

The day started with twentyone gun salute at Kushtia Sadar thana. National Flag was hoisted atop all government and private buildings. The Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia hoisted National Flag at 8-30 am at Kushtia Stadium and took salute from a rally of police, ansars, VDP, boy-scouts, girls guides, and students.

The programme of the day included musical sofree, discussion meetings and special prayer at mosques for the peace and development of the

Improved diet was supplied to hospital, prison, shishu sadan and blind school. A discussion meeting was held at polytechnic auditorium.

Awami League, Jubo League, Students League and Bangabandhu Parishad brought out a victory procession and paraded the town. Public buildings were illuminated in the evening.

BRAHMANBARIA

Martyred Intellectuals Day observed

From Our Correspondent Dec 20 : Martyred Intellectuals Day was observed here with due respect and solemnity.

Different political, social, cultural and students organisa tions chalked out various programmes on the occasion.

Zíla Press Club organized a meeting at the press club premises with Mohd Musa, president, district press club in the chair. Deputy Commissioner Khabiruddin Ahmed was present in the meeting as chief guest while Police Super Habibur Rahman, Additional Deputy Commissioner M Bazlul Hoque, Additional Zila Magistrate Shah Alam, Zila Sadar Magistrate Golam Rabbani as special guests.

It was addressed among others by Deputy Director Agriculture Extension Department M A Bakar, Public Prosecutor Advocate Shafiqui Islam, Zila BNP General Secretary Hamidul Hoque Tukku, Vice-President of press club Monsur Kamal and Editor Samatat Bharta Monjurul Alam.

NETRAKONA

Father to die for murdering daughter

Dec 20: A father has been awarded capital punishment by the District and Sessions Judge here for murdering his own daughter, reports UNB.

According to the prosecu tion, Halal Uddin of village Bisnupur in Atpara thana of the district brutally killed his daughter Rina (10) in his house on December 9, 1991 following a family feud.

A case was filed and police after investigation submitted charge-sheet against the ac-

The Judge Abdur Rozzaque after examining the witnesses and evidences found the accused guilty and awarded him death penalty on Dec 1.

MADARIPUR

Book publishers', sellers unit executives

From Our Correspondent Dec 20: The biennial election of Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers Samity. Madaripur district branch was held here recently.

The elected office bearers President MA Kader Farazi, Vice-President Probir Mitra, Shamsuddin Ahmed, Delwar Hossain, Azit Kumar Banik, General Secretary Meskander Ali, Exccutive Secretary Mahabubur Rahman, Joint Secretary A Khaleque Munshi, Bashir Ahmed, Nant Gopal Podder and Shushil Kumar Saha. Treasurer Dulai Sarker. Executive members A Malek Mia, Ananto Kumar Sarker and Shahidul islam. The election conducted by Md Mobarok Ali, Headmaster of local Alhaj Amin Uddin High School.

Another report adds: A 51member executive committee of the Shibchar thana unit of Bangladesh Jattyatabadi Krishak was formed here recently with Md Moslem Uddin, Md Dolon Mollah and Shahabuddin Sikder were elected as president, secretary and organising secretary respectively.

BOGRA

Workshop on multi-lingual shorthand ends

Dec 20: A three-day workshop on multi-lingual shorthand in commercial education was concluded here on Thursday at the national academy for multi-lingual shorthand and research. Bogra, reports BSS.

Eighteen participants from various higher secondary colleges participated in the workshop, which was inaugurated by the Academy Director Abdul Mannan Sikder.

Certificates were distributed among the participants later.

MOULVIBAZAR

One awarded life-term for murder

From Our Correspondent Dec 20 : Mahmudul Hasan Siddique, District and Session Judge of Moulvibazar sentenced a man to life imprisonment on charge of a murder case recently.

The court also fined him Taka 5 thousand, in default to suffer one year more of rigorous imprisonment. The learned court acquitted two other persons from the case.

According to prosecution story in brief is that one Dulal Miah, son of Moti Miah of Rainbow Bread and Biscuit Factory at Kulaura was murdered and police recovered his from the factory. Moti Miah, father of victim Dulal registered a murder case with Kulaura thana.

After investigation, police submitted charge-sheet against 3 persons namely Dulal, Nasir and Bachchu and learned judge after examining the evidences and records awarded main guilty Dulal life imprisonment and acquitted Nasir and Bachchu from the charge.

SIRAJGANJ

Release of Ershad demanded

From Our Correspondent Dec 20 : Belkuchi thana unit of Jatiya Party in a meeting held here at local Alhaj Siddique High School ground demanded immediate release of ousted president H M Ershad and repeal of anti-terrorism law '92.

With Mantaz Ali in the chair, the meeting was addressed by Abdul Mazid Pramanik, Sawkat Hossain, . tal of three lakh acres of land Afzal Hossain and Aksed Ali.

Another report adds Sirajganj district unit of the Institute of Diploma Engineers (IDE) observed 22nd founding anniversary at the local PDB rest house with Md Abdul Hai in the chair.

Among others local BNP leaders Mokaddes Ali, Saiful Islam Shishir, Ganotontri Party leaders Rezaul Karim Surja and Chandan Kumar Dey addressed the meeting.

AGRI-VARSITY

Seminar on development, agro-technologies

Dec 20: A seminar on development and transfer of appropriate agro-technologies was held recently at the gallery of the faculty of Agricultural Engineering and Technology (AET) of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), says a BAU press release.

Arranged under the auspices of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB). the seminar was presided over by Prof SM Farouk, Chairman of the Technical Activities. Seminar and Conference Committee for Agricultural Engineering of IEB and it was attended by the Dean of the Faculty of AET Prof RI Sarkar as the chief guest.

Prof Balekuddin presented his paper on "production cost on winter rice", while Dr Shamsuzzaman Bhuiyan presented his paper entitled "usc of soil-cement blocks for rice storage structures" in the

COX'S BAZAR

50 shops gutted

Dec 20 : About 50 shops were gutted in a fire at Kalarmarsora bazar in Maheshkhali thana of the district Wednesddy night, reports

Police sources said that property worth about Taka one and a half erore was burnt to

The fire is suspected to be originated from a furniture



SYLHET: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman is addressing a public meeting at Balaganj organised by local BNP on December 17. - Star photo

Edn key to uplift: Saifur

MOULAVIBAZAR, Dec 20: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman said that the government putting in its best effort to facilitate educational institutions with adequate infrastructure and amenities to make ideal academic atmosphere worthy to build up sound and productive manpower, reports BSS.

The Finance Minister was addressing as chief guest at the foundation laying ceremony of Moulavibazar Government High School Auditorium here yesterday.

Presided over by local Deputy Commissioner Aref Hossain, the function was addressed, among others, by Whip of the Opposition in the parliament Azizur Rahman MP, Ebadur Rahman MP and Begum Khaleda Rabbani MP.

The auditorium will be built at a cost of Taka 50 lakh and its work is expected to be completed by December 1993. On completion it will provide 5500 sq feet floor space accommodating 252 seas to cater to long felt need of the Moulavibazar town dwellers for various socio-cultural activities besides regular school activi-

Saifur Rahman said education is important for any development. Government gave utmost importance to this sector for materialising its pro-

CHANDPUR, Dec 20: A to-

will be brought under irri-boro

paddy, mustard, wheat, potato

and sugarcane cultivation in

seven thanas of the district

during the current dry season.

will be cultivated in about one

lakh fifty thousand acres of

land, mustard in fifty thousand

acres, wheat in thirty thousand

acres of land, potato in fifty

thousand acres and sugarcane

in twenty thousand acres of

land. The seven thanas are

Chandpur Sadar, Faridganj,

Haimchar, Kachua, Matlab,

about two lakh fifty thousand

metric ton of irri-boro paddy

will be produced in the area. A

It is expected, a total of

Shahrasti and Haziganj.

Of the total, irri-boro paddy

development programme. He called upon all irrespective of any party affiliations or differences to converge their heads of issues of national development and reconstruction. He said, democracy means unity in diversity. The petty difference should not mar the very objective of national progress and prosperity, he said.

The Finance Minister said present government has been trying its best to address to outstanding national problems like literacy, poverty alleviation, population boom, infrastructural development, employment generation and above all boosting economic production in all productive sectors by accumulating all resources and formulating pragmatic policies and programmes.

The coveted results will come provided we maintain democratic atmosphere based on mutual respect shunning unnecessary chaos and confusion on matters having little bearing on development and progress, he added.

Saifur Rahman formally un veiled the plaque of the foundation stone of the auditorium.

Economy better

IRRI-boro to be cultivated

on 3 lakh acres of land

From Our Correspondent

total of two thousand metric

ton of mustard seeds is ex-

pected to be produced. A total

of thirty thousand metric ton

potatoes is likely to be pro-

duced in the area. The wheat

production target has been

fixed at six thousand metric

ton. A total of about forty thou-

sand metric ton of sugarcane is

likely to be produced during

supply seeds, fertilizers, pesti-

cides and other necessary in-

puts to the farmers. Krisi Bank

will extend loans to the grow-

number of drug addicts is in

creasing day by day in different

areas of the district.

Another report says: The

According to Narcotics

Agriculture Department will

the season.

An earlier UNB report from Balaganj says: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman on Thursday said that Bangladesh economy is running better than many south Asian countries under the able and dynamic leadership of BNP government.

He said, the country has Tk 800 crore foreign currency reserve and import has gone up 18 per cent more than the corresponding period of last

inflation has also been contained remarkably during the period leading to a sound macro-economic management which is lauded by international donor agencies, the Minister added.

Saifur Rahman said the aman harvest has created historic record this year and the nationwide comprehensive development programmes are being implemented with gained momentum.

He was addressing a large public meeting here after formally opening the construction work of Goalbazar-Khadimpur feeder road, a project undertaken financed by Islamic Development Bank.

IDB feeder road construc tion project titled Rural Development (RD)-3 will cost Tk 4.25 crore.

Presided over by local thana BNP president Abdul Mannan, the public meeting was addressed among others by Khandkar Abdul Malik, MP, Fatema Chowdhury, MP, District BNP general secretary Advocate

Control Department office

sources more than twenty

thousand people of the district

have been fallen victim to drug

addicts. Most of the addicts

belong to age group between

ployment, family dispute, un-

happy conjugal life and illiter-

acy are the main reasons be-

hind drug addiction. A large

number transport workers.

mills workers, small shop-

keepers, businessmen, restau-

rant owners, school and col-

lege students have become ad-

has aggravated the situation.

Drugs are available in all most

all medicine shops in the town

and in the rural the areas.

Easy availability of drugs.

It is reported that unem-

13 to 35 years.

dicted to drugs.

Abdul Gaffar, District Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal general secretary Mishbaul Quadir Fahim, Dalil Meah and Abdul Meah.

Rahman congratulated the 300 new leaders and workers of Balagoni who formally joined the BNP and urged them to help the present government to lead the nation towards sustained development to build a prosperous future for the posterity.

Speaking on communal harmony prevailing in the country he congratulated the people particularly of the greater Sylhet district for maintaining peace and harmony despite severe provocations following razing of Babri Mosque by Indians fundamentalist Hindus.

He refuted the criticism of some vested interested political parties who were trying to blame government and unnecessarily trying to strain the nation with blasphemy.

Referring to the demand of some political parties to ban others he said "None is empowered to take away the rights of other".

He said BNP gave the nation multiparty democracy unlike others and believe in the right of people's verdict. If any party is to be banned or made outcast it is only the voters burnt none others, he added.

Attack on MP of AL protested

ports UNB.

arrest and punishment of the miscreants.

7-day-long eye camp

BRAHMANBARIA, Dec 20 A seven-day-long eye camp has

operated 40 cataract patients and treated 457 others at the Sahilpur community centre premises.

Spectacles and medicines were distributed to the pa tients free of cost.

Enamul Haque attended the spectacles distribution ceremony as chief guest on the concluding day.

chars hampers navigation

KUSHTIA, Dec 20 Navigability in the river Gorai has diminished tremendously due to emergence of innumerable chars and shoals, reports

which is a tributary of the Ganges, has come to its lowest level due to withdrawal of water by India at upper reaches

Ferry services have come to a

pears dead and the process of desertification has set in along the banks of the river. The Ganges-Kobadak pro-

ject is threatened with closure of its main pump house situated 3000 feet away from the river Ganges. The mouth of the intake channel has been silted up and the authority has to spend Taka one lakh every day for dredging.

If the pumps can not operate due to non-availability of water, the whole area will dry up resulting in crop loss and ecological balance, local leaders said.

Improper use of fertilizer affects land fertility

PATUAKHALI, Dec 20: Improper use of chemical fertilizer has been affecting land

fertility in seven thanas of the district, reports UNB. Experts said, soil condition was deteriorating as the farmers were not changing crop pattern, nor were they apply-

They recommended use of organic fertilizer such as cowdung to retain the fertility of

ing fertilizer after proper

testing of the soil.

It was also suggested that cultivators should be properly trained on when to use chemical fertilizers. Dishonest traders of the

district are selling sub stan-

dard medicines causing health

hazards to the patients. Local people alleged that low quality drugs are being

sold in the local pharmacies.

Medical practitioners and some dishonest doctors of the district are prescribing the low quality drugs for the patients, causing various complications and side effect to the

users, it has been alleged. Sub-standard medicines are available in markets of Kalapara, Dashmina, Mirzaganj, Amtali, Betagi, Bamna, Rangali, Kakchira and Kuakata, local people said.

They urged the authorities to look into the matter and take immediate action.

Another report adds Twentyfive fishermen were injured, five seriously, and valuables worth about Taka 20 lakh were looted by pirates from 10 fishing trawlers in the Bay of Bengal, reports UNB.

Invisible power kept Nazrul 12 years in jail for no fault

SATKHIRA, Dec 20: Nazrul Islam who was in district jail for 12 years for no fault from his boyhood has been recently released, reports UNB.

Justice Mozammel Haque and Justice Majuzur Rahman judges of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court in their recent judgement ordered immediate release of Nazrul Islam. Nazrul Islam son of Arshad Ali of Tangrakhali village was

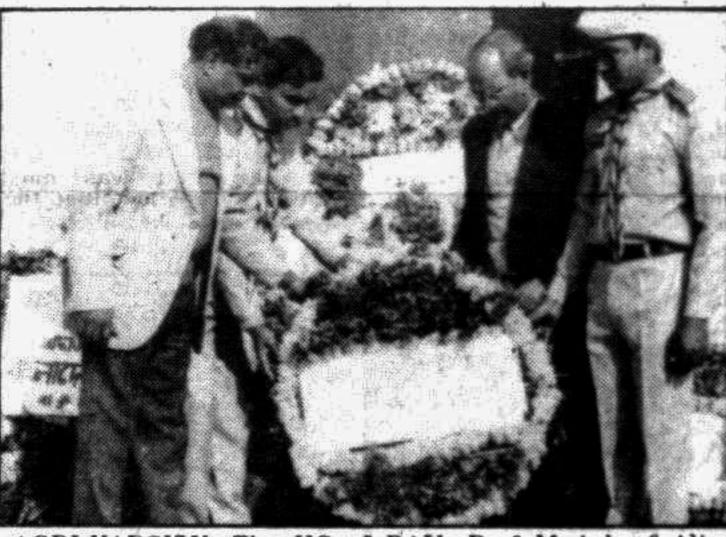
falsely implicated in a number of cases, majority facing dacoity and gang cases in different thanas of Satkhira, Khulna and Bagerhat districts. He was arrested on November 27, 1980 at the age only 12 years. During his 12 years imprisonment he was without chain

for one year as he was in hospital owing to his ailment. A report published in a national daily moved the judges to

take up the matter. On the basis of the report the judges sent show cause notices to the Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police and the Jailor of the district jail. The court took a statement of Nazrul in open court and issued immediate release order.

Nazrul was the victim of a family dispute between his father and an influential relation who happened to be the chairman of Zila Parishad He was acquitted in all these cases but was in the sub-jail

with chain violating the court order for mysterious reason. Nazrul's relation demanded of the government to take the persons responsible for detaining him for long 12 years to book and give them exemplary punishment for violating the law of the land and basic human rights.



AGRI-VARSITY: The VC of BAU, Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan along with the president of BAU National Day observance committee Prof. Rafigul Haque Bhuiyan placing flower wreaths at the Shaheed Minar.

Star photo

Persons responsible for losses of lives, property would be punished

LOHAGARA (Narail), Dec 20 Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Tarigul Islam said here that none would be allowed to jeopardise our heritage of communal harmony and peace prevailing

would be severely dealt with according to law of the land, he said. Tarigul Islam was addre-

ssing a condolence meeting held here at the Lohagara College premises in connection with the brutal killing of Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader of this college Munshi Atwar Rahman Millu. Social Welfare Minister

attended the namaj-e-janaja of the deceased and prayed for the peace of the departed soul at a monajat held on the occasion.

says: Whip of Jatiya Sangsad Mahbubul Alam Tara urged the people irrespective of caste, creed and opinion to extend cooperation to the government in maintaining communal harmony and peace.

The whip was addressing a

Medicare facilities poor

NATRAKONA, Dec 20: The Netrakona Modernised Hospital has been facing scarcity of medicine for the last six months hampering treatment adversely, reports UNB.

saline and other necessary life saving drugs are not at all' available in the hospital store during the last two months causing untold suffering to the serious patients.

from far-flung areas had to return disappointed due to lack of proper treatment and admission facilities and

Disappointed patients complained that almost all the doctors of the hospital are very much busy with their private

practice.

Beside, the doctors of the hospital are also said to be unwilling to attend the outdoor patients due to scarcity of medicine. According to official

every year for purchasing medicine of the hospital. Local people complained that some dishonest people were selling low quality drugs the poor and ignorant patients. Some of them are

causing serious health hazards. Livestock wealth in the 10 thanas of the district has been depleting by loss caused by diseases and indiscriminate slaughtering of calves and

Help ensure peace for progress SREEPUR (Gazipur), Dec from all walks of life joined In this context he referred

BARISAL: A scene from the drama 'Guran Gatha' written by Mintoo Basu staged here at

20 State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof M A Mannan called upon all to ensure peace and discipline in every sphere of life to help achieve progress and prosperity of Bangladesh, reports BSS. He was addressing a big

the local Aswini Kumar Town Hall recently.

public meeting as the chief guest at Abdul Awal College premises here. Among others, Sreepur thana BNP president Moulana

S M Ruhul Amin spoke on the

About 5000 local people

occasion.

BNP in the meeting. The State Minister said the present BNP government un-

der the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was committed to implement the 19-point people oriented programmes of Shaheed president Ziaur Rahman. He said. BNP does not believe in hollow slogan. He said with a view to fulfilling the election commitment of BNP, the government of Begum Khaleda Zia had been working ceaselessly to materi alise those commitment.

to exemption of tax from 25 bighas of land, exemption of agricultural loan upto Taka five thousand including the interest, free female education upto

class VIII in rural areas, enhancing job age limit up to 30 years, landing of compulsory primary education and mass literacy programmes for raising percentage of education.

He called upon all to rally under the banner of BNP for a better future.

JAMALPUR, Dec 20: Awami

League workers of Malandah and Madarganj held protest rallies Monday demanding judicial probe on alleged gun-attack on Mirza Azam MP, re-

Mirza Azam, they said, was attacked by miscreants in Dhaka on Sunday last.

Processions were brought out after the rallies demanding

ended here held under joint auspices of Bangladesh Blind Foundation and Sahilpur (south) union parishad, reports Surgeons and Specialists

Sadar Thana Nirbahi Officer

Emergence of

Water level in the river,

through the Farakka barrage. People living in the villages along the banks are now seen crossing the river on foot.

The turbulent river now ap-

Another report from Fent in the country, reports BSS. Terrorists and miscreants responsible for tragic losses of innocent lives, damages of property and lawlessness

joint peace meeting at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner which was attended by leaders of Bangladesh Nationalist Party and its front organisations, Bangladesh Awami League and its front organisations and leaders of other political parties.

in modern hospital

It is learnt that Dextrose. sources, an amount of about Taka 2.5 lakh is sanctioned

Large number of patients selling medicines with expire

date to the needy patients negligence of doctors at the

bullock.