District roundup

CHAPAINAWABGANJ

Martyred Intellectuals Day observed

Dec 21: Martyred Intellectuals Day was observed here with due respect and solemnity, reports UNB.

On the occasion, a discussion meeting was held Monday under the auspices of Shadharan Pathagar with Mosharraf Ali, president of the organisation, in the chair.

The speakers paying glowing tributes to the martyred intellectuals said on the eve of independence in December 1971, the local agents of occupation forces namely Al-Badar and Razakars killed the intellectuals of the country just to cripple the nation.

They renewed the pledge to uphold the spirit of Liberation War and vowed to establish a society free from exploitation. They also demanded trial of Jamaat leader Golam Azam as a war criminal

Among others, Principal Aminur Rahman, Abdul Mannan Santu, Saidur Rahman, Advocate Nazrul Islam, Advocate Shamsul Alam and Mazharul Islam Toru spoke on the occasion.

RANGPUR

One gets 5 yrs RI for keeping ganja

From Our Correspondent Dec 21: One person was sentenced for five years rigorous imprisonment in the court of Ali Asgar Khan, District and Sessions Judge, Rangpur under drug control act recently.

Accused Abdul Haye of Badargonj thana was chargesheeted by the police on offence of illegally bearing 30 ganja plants in his house-yard and keeping two kgs of ganja in his possession. Another report adds: One

Abdul Khaleque (40) of Bairampur village under Badargoni thana was crushed under the wheels of Ekota Express train recently.

The tragic incident occurred while he was carelessly crossing the railway line at. Badargonj railway platform

MAULVIBAZAR

Chess assoc prize giving ceremony held

From Our Correspondent

Dec 21: The prize giving ceremony of Kulaura Chess Association held here recently at Kulaura thana public library auditorium.

Bijit Kumar Roy, president of chess association presided over the function while Nawab Ali Abbas Khan, MP attended as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners. The function was addressed among others by Aman Ullah, Headmaster of Kulaura Boy's High School, Strajuddin Suhag, Prof Zafar Alt Khan, Abdul Wahed and Sushil Sen Gupta.

Kamal Ahmed of Sylhet, Abdul Malek of Kulaura and Akhtarul Alam of Baramchal got 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize respectively. A total of 82 competitors participated in the contest. The competition was financed by Mouri Fashion Kulaura. Nawab Ali Abbas Khan. MP donated Taka 5 thousand to the Kulaura Chess Association.

SYLHET

Two killed in road mishaps

From Our Correspondent

Dec. 21: A young man of village Bhabantpur under Nabigani thana was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck on Sherpur-Nabigani Road recently.

According to the reports, in the evening on the day of incident, the victim Strajullah (25) was crushed by the killer truck BARISAL

while he was trying to cross the road. He died on the spot. A case of unnatural death was immediately registered

with the police station. Another report adds: A 55year old man was killed in a road mishap on Sylhet-

Beanibazar Road recently.

According to the report, at about 8 pm on the day of incident a speeding microbus (bearing No. Chittagong Metro Cha-1904) hit Kala Miah from behind at a place near Sadakhai while he was returning home. The victim was immediately taken to the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital where the doctors

declared him dead. The driver had been absconding since the accident. A ease in this connection had been registered with the police station.

FARIDPUR

Annual athletics contest held

Dec 21: The annual athletics competition of local Sarada Sundari Mahila College was held recently at the college ground, reports BSS.

Professor Mian Lutfar Rahman, Principal of the college inaugurated the sports competition. About fifty students partici-

pated in twelve events. Rozy Akhtar of higher secondary class became champion while Moushumi Akhtar Jamali of degree class became runner

Mohammad Shahjahan, Professor-In-Charge of sports of the college conducted the day-long sports.

KUSHTIA

3 Sarbahara Party men held with arms

Dec 21: Police has arrested three outlawed Sarbahara Party men and recovered arms from Laxmipur village of Sadar thana on Thursday night, reports

The arrested were identified as Krishna, a leader of the party and his body-guards Azibar and Anwar.

Police recovered one revolver with six rounds of ammunition, a pipe gun and cash Taka 17,000 from their possession.

Acting on secret information, officer-in-charge of Kushtia Sadar thana swooped on Rabidas alias Krishna and arrested him along with his body guards.

Krishna was wanted in connection with three murder and two dacotty cases while Azibar was wanted for four murder cases and Anwar for three

JAMALPUR

Chhatra Dal sweeps college union polls

From Our Correspondent Dec 21: Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal swept

majority seats in the college union election of Madargani Government College recently. It is gathered that Chhatra Dal won 8 seats out of II including vice-president and

general secretary while

Chhatra League (M-I) bagged

the rest three seats with assistant general secretary. Raghtimul Islam and Zahurul Haque were elected as

VP and GS respectively. Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Chhatra League (M-I), Chhatra Union, Islami Chhatra Shibir and Sangrami Chhatra Samaj took part on the

JESSORE

Victory Day celebrated

Dec 21: The Victory Day was eclebrated in Jessore in a befitting manner with due pomp and gaiety, reports BSS.

The highlights of the programme was ceremonial march-past and a rally at local stadium. Contingent of police, Ansars and VDP, boy scouts, girl guides school students and volunteers of different sociocultural organisations took part in the rally.

A seminar on "War of Liberation, self-reliance: Use of local products" was held at Zila Parishad Hall with Deputy Commissioner in the chair.

Chander Haat, a juvenile organisation held discussion meeting and cultural function at BD hall premises with Tarapada Roy, an advisor in the chair. Bijoymela Parishad also arranged a discussion meeting and cultural function at Town Hall maidan. Besides, different socio-cultural, political parties and student organisations also chalked out elaborate pro gramme to observe the day.

11 pirates held with

trawler

From Staff Correspondent Dec 21: Borguna thana police arrested eleven pirates near the Borguna Launchghat and seized a trawler on Thursday last.

It is informed that these pirates with their trawler FB Nilufar Akhtar' committed dacotty at least five fishing boats last Saturday in the Bay of Bengal.

Arrested pirates are: Saha Alam, Sekendar, Hanif, Mohammad Panna, Saheb Ali and Saha Alt of Borguna, Malek, Ratjab Alt and Hamid of Cox'sbazar and Delwar and Salam of Chittagong.



BARISAL: The Freedom Fighters at the samabesh (meeting) '92 at Barakotha Dargabari. - Star photo

Taka seven crore foodgrains feared damaged

BARISAL, Dec 21: A huge quantity of foodgrains worth about Taka 7 crore in the different CSD and LSD godowns is feared to be damaged, reports UNB.

Sources said 6 thousand metric tons of rice, 350 tons of salt and one ton of sugar stored in the godowns for long were not being lifted by dealers for fear of incurring losses. According to the dealers,

they were not interested to draw their allotted quota as the prices of foodgrains were fluctuating in the market. They alleged that foodgrains

were sold in the open markets at prices lower than the rate fixed by the Food Department. BSS report says: A co-ordination meeting on 'the role of women for the preservation of environment' was held at the Barisal district women affairs

office premises on December

17 under the auspices of

Women Affairs Department. Presided over by A B M Jahangir Alam, Deputy Civil Surgeon, Barisal, the function was attended by Samsuddin Ahmed, Principal, Barisal

SHERPUR, Dec 21: Civic

amenities are absent in district

headquarters causing immense

suffering to more than one

of narrow uneven roads with

innumerable potholes, clogged

drains, littered garbage, many

mosquito breeding centres, in-

adequate street lights, fre-

quent load-shedding, insuffi-

cient water supply, lack of

of the town frequently experi-

numerous potholes become

flooded and filthy after a slight

rainfall. Moreover, clogged

drains and insufficient street

lights multiply sufferings of the

There are 315 lightposts in

Owners of mills and facto-

the poura area but 40 per cent

ries alleged that their produc

tion had decreased by 50 per

cent due to intermittent

power breakdown. Many inhab-

itants complained that their

electric and electronic appli-

ances become inoperative be-

cause of power disruption and

Some of the residents com-

plained that their areas plunge

into darkness almost everyday

after sun set allowing the cul-

prits better scope to indulge in

and repair aggravated the situ-

ation, the town residents in-

Lack of proper maintenance

The town was first electri-

of those have no bulb.

voltage fluctuations.

anti-social activities.

sanitation and some other

The narrow roads and lanes

Most parts of the roads with

The town bears the trauma

lakh inhabitants.

problems.

residents.

ence traffic jam.

Government Women's College, as chief guest.

Kamrul Hassan, Deputy Director, Youth Development Department, Barisal, and Begum Rawsanara Rahman, President, Muslim Women

Students ransack school

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 21: Agitated students ransacked the Sylhet Government Pilot High-School as the authority did not allow them filling the forms of the ensuing SSC Examination.

The schools authority declared over one hundred students 'disallowed' in the test examination held a few days back. They created 'pressure' on the authority and at one stage ransacked the office and science building.

From Our Correspondent

fied in 1964 but the pace of

development in this regard is

thorised electricity consump-

tion by a section of people

Wide scale pilferage of elec-

tricity has contributed to the

increased systems loss which

rose to 40 per cent under

some grids, it is learnt. Some

places on the outskirts of the

town are yet to be electrified

and some old lines need rein-

One can hardly notice dust-

bins around the town. The

people are to dump their

household waster here and

there which pollutes the envi-

ingly indifferent to the cleanli-

ness of the town. Insecticides

sprayed in an unscientific

methods sometimes prove in-

The existing number of hand

operative tubewells is 508 but

only half of these are function-

ing properly, the rest lie to-

tally inoperative. The Public

Department source said that

fund shortage is delaying the

scheme of adequate water

supply. On the other hand

some hand tubewells have be-

come inoperative as under-

ground water level fell abnor-

mally, pourashava sources said.

force many people who come

for various purposes in the dis-

trict town from rural areas to

defecate in dwelling areas

Lack of public lavatories

Engineering

Water supply is also scanty

effective.

Health

The authorities are seem-

On getting informations, police reached the spot and brought the situation under control. A police party had been deployed in the school.

very slow.

scrious concern.

Welfare Parishad, Barisal, were present as special guests. Chiefs of about 100 gov-

ernment and non-government organisations took part in the discussion.

A three-day workshop on mathematics concluded at the Mathematics Department of Government Brojomohun University College premises recently. Arranged by the Bangladesh

Mathematics Society, the function was inaugurated by Professor Md Hanif, Principal of the college, on Sunday last. Md Shamsul Huq Mollah, Secrctary, Bangladesh Mathematics Society, was present as chief guest.

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Md Shamsul Huq Mollah awarded certificates among the participants on the concluding day of the workshop. Sixteen members of the Mathematics Society participated in this workshop. Civic amenities quite inadequate

causing environmental pollu-

built haphazardly congesting

the access of the people. Even

pourashava is suffering from

the market have becomes

silted up causing water logging

in the area. The narrow space

before New Market causes

traffic jam frequently. The

housing problem of the gov-

ernment officials is also acute.

a district eight years back, dis-

trict level offices are yet to be

Though Sherpur was made

The implementation of de-

velopment projects and other

administrative activities is be-

ing hampered due to the ab-

sence of district level offices in

opment programmes and their

executions are still being con-

trolled from the former dis-

trict headquarters at Jamalpur.

But it has now become very

difficult to supervise and

control all the activities from

channels remain out of order

and offer busy tones which

create inconveniences to the

the higher authorities have be-

come futile to the utter frus-

tration of the subscribers.

Complaints in this regard to

Most of the time, the NWD

Some district level devel-

The drains in and around

manifold problems.

set up here.

Sherpur.

this single unit.

subscribers.

On the other hand, unau- sorry state. Shops have been

here has become a matter of the New Market under

The daily markets are in a

unit executives The biennial election of

Akhaura railway junction.

Notes from

Brahmanbaria

From Our Correspondent

workshop was held here on

cropping system of trans

planted aman at Hirapur Krishi

Khamar under Akhaura thana

over by district Training

Officer Siddigur Rahman while

Thana Nirbahi Officer Anwarul

Karim was present as chief

guest. Thana Agriculture Offi-

cer M Shahidullah, Subject

Matter Officer M Kabir

Hussain, Assistant Agriculture

Officer Kanu Lai Majumdar,

Plant Protection Inspector Abu

Taher, Head Master Rukunu-

ddin Bhuiya, host farmer

Jalaluddin and block

supervisor Ekram and others

spoke in the meeting. About

80 farmers attended in the

Demolishing of Babri

Mosque protested

Samity arranged a big rally at

thana complex in protest of

demolishing the ancient Babri

over by Moulana Mohd Abdur

Rakib Imam of Bara Bazar

Jame-E-Masjid and president

of thana Ulama-E-Samity.

Members of the Ulama-E-

Samity and local elite persons

spoke in the meeting. A mem-

orandum was handed over to

the Thana Nirbahi Officer

Anwarul Karim by advisor of

thana Ulama-E-Samity

Advocate Yasin Khan and local

raded the main thoroughfares

chanting different slogans and

assembled at platform of

Book publishers', sellers'

Later a big procession pa-

elite persons.

Mosque in Ayodhya recently.

Akhaura thana Ulama-E-

The meeting was presided

The function was presided

of the district recently.

BRAHMANBARIA, Dec 21: A

Bangladesh Book Publishers and Sellers Samity Brahmanbaria zila branch held here recently. The elected office bearers

are: President-Mohd Mohiu Islam, Senior Vice-President-Md Hiru Miah, Vice-Presi dent-Abdul Baki, A K M Aainu Hoque, Mohd Nasiruddin, General Secretary-Joinal Abedin, Joint Secretary-Mohd Monjurul Huda, Rashidul Islam, Mohd Nizamuddin, Additional Secretary-Mohd Ziaul Hoque and members: Mohd Shafiqul Islam, Hafez Mohd. Abu Taher. The election was conducted

Professor Mozammel Hoque, Professor Mujibur Rahman, Professor Asrafuddin, Advocate Hammadul Wadud.

Akhaura thana JCD unit confce held

The biennial conference of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of Akhaura thana unit '92 held here at railway high school ground of the district recently.

The function was presided over by thana Chhatra Dal President Abul Munsur Mison, while thana BNP Secretary Nayab Ali Bhuiya was present as chief guest. It was ad dressed among others by Yousuf Sarwar, Nizamuddin Ahmed, Liton, Delwar Hussain, Asaduzzaman, Elias, Nazrul Islam and Khyum Khan Khadem.

Later a 71-member Akhaura thana unit committee was formed with Rezaul Karim and Nazimuddin as president and general secretary respectively.

Four get 10 yrs RI for train dacoity

Additional District and Session Judge 1st court Benoy Kumar Bose sentenced 4 per sons for 10 years rigorous imprisonment each and fined Taka one thousand each in default to suffer 6 months rigorous imprisonment more for train dacoity.

The convicts are: Abu Taher, Abdul Ali, Shamsu Miah and Abdul Khalique. All of them were absconding.

The prosecution story in brief is that four dacoits took Tk 14 thousand from Assistant Forest Research Ranger Badruzzaman of Laur Chara at Azampur railway station while he was neturning to his duty place by Jalalabad mail train from Chittagong on November A case was filed at Akhaura

rathway thana in this connection. After investigations, police submitted the chargesheet against the accused.

Sangrami Chhatra Samaj meet held

Under the auspices of Sangrami Chhatra Samaj a meeting held at the Ashugani Labour Office of the district Ex-Deputy Minister for

Kabir was present as chief guest while the meeting was presided over by student leader Abdur Rahman. A 31-member Sangramt

Health Advocate Humayun

Chhatra Samaj Ashuganj unit was formed with Abdur Rahman and Murshedul Alam were elected president and general secretary respectively. Later, a procession paraded

the Ashuganj bazar.

Loadshedding, power disruption regular

KISHOREGANJ, Dec 21: Power disruption and load shedding have become a regular feature in Bajitpur town and the adjoining areas causing much inconvenience to the dwellers as well as the businessmen and industrialists, reports UNB.

Local people complained that not a single day is left without power disruption and almost every night electricity goes off plunging the entire town into darkness causing untold sufferings to students.

Erratic power supply has also affected production in the local mills, factories and workshops. Irrigation in the Irri-Boro block is also affected by frequent power failure. The price hike of foodstuff

in the market is largely attributed to the frequent power failure. Farmers are unable to crush paddy and wheat due to power disruption. Besides, fluctuation of volt-

age causes damage to electronic goods. Inadequate street lights have also affected the town life.

Mechanised boats replacing manual country boats have thrown hundreds of traditional boatmen out of employment.

The engine boats are ferry ing passengers and cargo in Mitamoin, Tarail, Karimganj, Itna, Nikli, Astagram, Bajitpur, Kualiarchar, Bhairab and

Katiadi thanas of the district. The engine driven boats move at high speed without search lights at night causing accidents most often.

Local leaders have demanded registration and control of mechanised boats.

Local people complained that some dishonest people were selling low quality drugs to the poor and ignorant patients. Some of them are selling medicines with expire date to the needy patients causing serious health hazards.

Hartal demanding release of AL leader observed

Sarbadaliya Sangram Parishad was observed in the town Friday demanding immediate release of Awami League leader Bahauddin, reports UNB. Bahauddin was arrested on

December 16 following a clash between BCL and JCD activists at Munsif Bari in Comilla. The Sangram Parishad also

held a protest meeting at the Modern Auditorium premises in the afternoon presided over by Manirul Haque Bhuiyan, MP. It was addressed, among others, by former MP Principal Abul Kalam Majumder and Advocate Afzal Khan. The JCD also held a meet-

ing at the Town Hall premises demanding trial of Bahauddin. It was addressed, among others by Lt Col (retd) Akbar Hossain, MP. After the protest meeting

Sangram Parishad brought out a torch procession and paraded towards Kandirpar chanting slogans demanding release of their leader.

The JCD activists also brought out a procession demanding trial of Bahauddin and proceeded towards the torch

COMILLA, Dec 21: A dawn procession but police fired to dusk hartal called by the tear gas and resorted to lathi charge to disperse the two processions and to prevent a Two people were killed and

> another injured when a truck collided with a private car at Krinapur on the Chittagong trunk road Thursday.

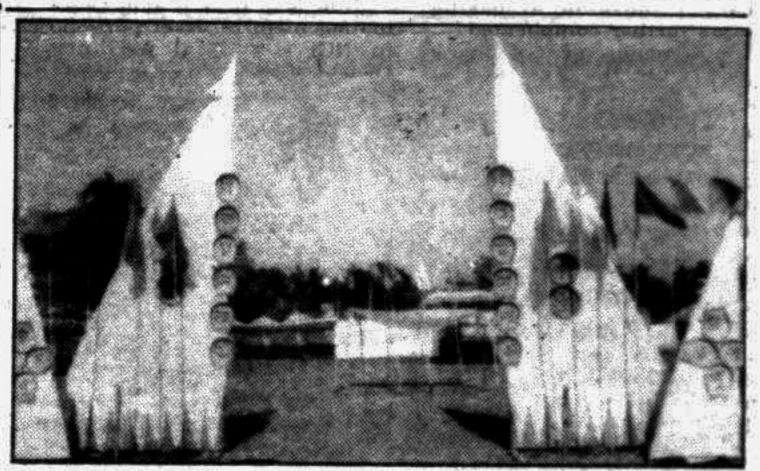
The dead were identified as Shahidul Islam (38), commercial manger of Azad products and the driver of the ear. Ruma (12), sister of the manager who was injured seriously, was rushed to hospital.

Netrakona today NETRAKONA, Dec 21

PM due at

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is scheduled to arrive here on Tuesday and address public meetings at Durgapur and Muktarpur, reports UNB.

Central leaders of BNP including Secretary General and LGRD Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar will accompany the Prime Minister during her whirlwind tour of the district.



CHANDPUR: A view of Bijoy mela organised on the occasion of Victory Day recently. - Star photo

Research programme on prevention of cholera

PATUAKHALI, Dec 21: A joint research programme has been taken up to determine how best cholera and diarrhoeal diseases can be prevented in the southern region, reports UNB.

Voluntary Health Services Society (VHSS) and Barisal Development Society have sponsored the programme.

Goshinga and Bilbilash village in Bauphal thana of Patuakhali district and Patihar, Dashpati villages in Agailjara thana of Barisal district have been initially included in the research programme.

The research activities include studies on socio-economic condition of the people, environment, human behaviour, food habit, nutrition, water borne diseases and general health condition of the rural people.

The result of the study will be published next month, it is

ment has been unsatisfactory

Rice and paddy procure-

although 14 purchasing centres have been opened in six thanas, it was alleged. Local food department sources said out of a total of 175 metric tons of foodgrains

(rice and paddy), 126 metric tons were to be procured from the farmers and 49 metric tons from the mill owners.

But farmers said the price of rice and paddy as fixed by the government was less than the prevailing market rate and so they were not interested to sell their produce in the gov-

ernment purchasing centres. Officials at the purchasing centres said they would only buy Patjam variety of rice which are not available in the district.

Irregularity in power supply office

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Dec 21: The negligence of duty, irregularity and malpractices have been going on in the electric supply authority office at Kurigram causing untold sufferings to the subscribers, it is informed. It is learnt that a large

number of illegal connections, theft of electricity irregularity in issuing monthly electric bills to the subscribers and disruption of power supply are regular feature.

The number of illegal connection has increased in Kurigram Sadar thana resulting in frequent power failure and fluctuations in voltage.

On the otherhand, the authority concerned did not give monthly electric bills to the

subscribers. Subscribers complained that they get their bills of many months at a time causing great difficulty to the consumers. They made complaint with the Executive Engineers but no effective measures have been taken. Consumers demanded enquiry into the malpractice,

corruption, negligence in duty and irregularity of DESA office at Kurigram. Another report says: Two-

day long workshop on "Pilot union parishad" was held recently at Kurigram Khamarbari Hall Room under the joint sponsorship of LGEB and RESP under the presidentship of Fayzar Rahman Executive Engineer, LOEB, Kurigram.

Emran Ali Sarker, Chairman, Dainik Barta Trustee Board receiving deed of the paper's building from Md Saifuzzaman, DC, Rajshahi on December 16. - PID photo