

## National

## District roundup

## SATKHIRA

**BDR men seize 20 Indian COWS**

Jan 2: Bangladesh Rifles seized 20 Indian cows and 90 pieces of spare parts worth Taka 2 lakh from Abepur hat and Dadkangabell border areas on Tuesday, reports UNB.

BDR jawans also arrested one Shahidul of Nebakhali in this connection.

The goods were later handed over to the customs authorities and a case has been filed with the local police.

Mentionable that the Abepur hat is known as the market of smuggled goods where contrabands of various types are sold at cheap prices.

Local leaders time and again urged the authorities to take action against selling of smuggled goods in the market but no action has yet been taken.

## FARIDPUR

**Deaf camp held**

Jan 2: A two-day deaf camp to examine the possibility of speaking of the handicapped children was held here last week, reports UNB.

Organised by High Care Society, a NGO, working for the handicapped people, the camp was the first of its kind in the district.

A total of 50 handicapped children with hearing problem were examined and treated free of cost in the camp on December 24.

Later a discussion meeting was also held at the Zahed Memorial Shishu Hospital auditorium.

A noted social worker and founder of the society Shamsul Huq attended the meeting as chief guest.

It was addressed among others by district Civil Surgeon Kazi Syed Ahmed, Principal of High Care School A Salam, local Press Club President and President of Lions Club.

## FENI

**Rival groups clash leaves 12 hurt**

Jan 2: At least 12 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups at Tulatoli village in Sonagaj thana of the district Saturday, reports UNB.

The clash ensued over cutting a tree on a disputed land. One group led by Sharab Hossain of the village while trying to cut the tree, other group led by Ruhul protested them. At one stage both the groups attacked each other with lethal weapon.

Police arrested four people in this connection.

Seriously injured Sharab and Ruhul were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital and Sonagaj health complex respectively. The other injured were released after first aid.

A case has been filed with the local thana.

## SIRAJGANJ

**Cold wave claims 3 lives**

Jan 2: Cold wave claimed the lives of three people in three thanas of the district recently a local Union Prajashad member said, reports UNB.

The dead people were identified as: Gulnoor (57), Rahamat Ali (48) and Khokon Miah (39).

According to unofficial estimate, the total number of death from a current cold wave rose to 16 in the 6 northern districts of Sirajganj, Pabna, Rangpur, Panchagar, Dinajpur, Rajshahi.

The villagers said the dead people were mostly day labourers and poormen without proper shelter and warm cloths.

**CHAPAINAWABGANJ**

**Substandard drugs flood markets**

Jan 2: Low quality life saving drugs have flooded the markets all over the district, reports UNB.

According to a leading citizen, fungus and flies are often seen in many containers including those of saline and injection.

Local leaders said drug manufacturers have set up laboratories most of which are unauthorised and producing sub-standard drugs.

Some physicians were practising these low quality medicines, they alleged.

## JHENIDAH

**Jessore Board HSC exams begins from June 17**

Jan 2: The Higher Secondary Certificate Examination 1993 under the Jessore Board will begin on June 17 next year, official sources here announced, reports UNB.

Examinees are asked to fill up their examination from on or before February 18. The last date for filling up the forms with fine, has been fixed on March 10.

However, private candidates under the board, have been asked to apply on or before January 2.

Meanwhile, the Jessore Board authority has sent necessary instructions and informations to all the colleges under the board in this regard.

## CHANDPUR

**20 injured as JP, JCD activists clash**

Jan 2: At least 20 people were injured as Jatiya Party men and ruling party's student activists clashed today near the town hall, reports UNB.

Among the injured, 12 were admitted the Chandpur General Hospital and later released.

The clash erupted when a procession of Jatiyatabadi Chhatri Dal was passing by the town hall where JP was holding its district conference.

Both sides accused each other of blasting cocktails near the hall, which forced JP to cancel its district conference.

Former Minister M Shamsul Huq and Razia Faiz were expected to attend the conference.

## CHITTAGONG

**Youngman shot dead by gunmen**

Jan 2: A young man was shot dead on Thursday by unknown gunmen at Fakirhat in Rauzan, police said, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Emdadul Haq (20), an activist of Awami League backed Chhatri League.

Police and witnesses said a group of armed men fired at Emdad and his friend Abul Mansoor when they were talking at Fakirhat at about 10:30 am. They were rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where Emdad was declared dead while Mansoor was admitted in a critical condition.

BCL brought out a procession in Chittagong city to protest the killing of Emdad. The protesters accused activists of National Democratic Party for the killing and demanded punishment to them.

Police said tension was prevailing in Fakirhat but additional force was sent to ward off clash. None was arrested till late this (Thursday) evening.

## KHULNA

**Half-day hartal observed**

Jan 2: A half-day hartal called by pro-Awami League faction of Khulna Motor Sramik Union was partially observed in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

The faction led by Munnujan Sufian, called the hartal to protest the politicisation of the Motor Sramik Union office by the ruling party activists.

Some vehicles were seen plying on the roads and a portion of shopkeepers kept their shutters down during the dawn to noon hartal. No untoward incident took place.

A group of leaders and workers of the faction continued their indefinite hunger strike at Shahid Hadis Park for the sixth day to realise their demand.

**CHUADANGA**

**6 lakh text books for distribution among pry students**

Jan 2: Chuadanga district primary education office received six lakh text books forming national curriculum and text book board for distribution free of cost among the primary school students, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the text books will be given to the students of 257 government and 48 non-government primary schools under the Universal Primary Education Programme of the government.

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CHANDPUR: Nurul Huda, State Minister for Establishment, addressing the students of Chandpur Government College recently. — Star photo

## Kala-Azar kills 12, attacks 200 in Pabna

PABNA, Jan 2: Kalajar, a deadly disease, claimed 12 lives and affected over 200 others in five thanas of the district during the last fortnight, unofficial sources said here on Thursday, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Hafizuddin (30), Nowser Ali (40) and Tummidin (22) of Faridpur thana; Golam Ali (18) and Sakat (24) of Bhangura thana; Rasul Khan (44) of Iswardi thana; Marzina Khatun (30), Ledu Mia (35), Biresh Majumder (45) and Zamila Bibi (55) of Chatmohar thana; Akhtar Ali (28) and Shahidul Islam Alo (35) of Atgharia thana.

Official sources, however, confirmed only four deaths and 88 others were attacked by the disease.

Villagers alleged that medical facilities are scanty in the affected areas while official sources claimed 25 medical teams have been working since

the outbreak of the disease.

They also alleged that vital medicine of the deadly disease Stebin injection is not available at the district reserve store.

Another report says: Four policemen including a Sub-inspector were put under suspension Sunday for their negligence of duties and collecting tolls.

The suspended cops are Sub-inspector Shahajul Islam, Saiful Islam, Reazul Islam and Abdus Sattar constables of Sadar thana.

Police authorities said disciplinary actions are being taken against the accused for collecting tolls on December 24 from the cattle traders of Pusapara hat.

Another report says: Four rooms of house and a wayside petrol sale shop were burnt and three people injured in a devastating fire at Rabdanagar in the town on Wednesday.

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Chanchal (18), Masum (5) and Baby (15) were rushed to the Sadar Hospital with burns. The condition of Chanchal was stated critical.

The fire originated from electric shortcircuit at the petrol shop and grabbed nearby 'Sarkar Bari' Firefighters rushed in and tamed the blaze.

Another report adds: Two day labourers suffered burn injuries in a fire that gutted 10 houses at village Khalishpur in the district on Thursday.

Yasin Ali (42) and Ishaq Korban (32) were injured in the fire which spread when five day labourers were warming up the igniting straw.

Shariful Islam, Chairman of Bonaragar Union Parishad, said property worth about Tk 3 lakh was damaged by the fire.

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**Fish disease breaks out**

Fish disease has broken out in seven thanas of the district, according to local fishery officer of the district.

The disease known as 'ulcerative syndrome' affected different varieties of fish, he said.

Local fishermen said the demand for fish decreased abnormally in the local market as the news spread in the community. Fishermen and owners of ponds, beels and haors urged the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to control the disease.

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**Armed forces to be modernised, says Khaleda**

RUMA (Bandarban), Jan 2: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here today that various development and welfare oriented programmes were under implementation for the overall expansion and modernisation of the country's armed forces.

It was also addressed by Vice President and General Secretary of the Students' Union Monjur Rahman Bakul and Rashedul Islam Ranjan respectively.

The election of the students' union was held on December 13 where Jatiyatabadi Chhatri Dal won 17 seats out of 19.

A cultural function was also held on this occasion.

## Fog disrupting ferry services

SHAHMOKHUM, Jan 1: Ferry communications between Aricha and Daulatdia and Nagarbari ghat were disrupted for the seventh consecutive day today (Saturday) due to dense fog, causing sufferings to thousands of passengers, reports UNB.

Aricha-bound Tapl, Thobal and Kapoti, with 15 coaches, 29 trucks and 1,200 passengers aboard, were also stranded at Daulatdia ghat while Aricha-bound Khan Jahan Ali and Keramat Ali, with 8 trucks and 800 passengers aboard, were stranded at Aricha ghat.

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