# District roundup

RANGAMATI

### Four fishermen kidnapped by Shantibahini

Jan 24 : Four fishermen kidnapped by Shantibahini activists with fishing materials from Karnapuli lake on January 9 could not be rescued as yet, reports UNB.

The abducted are: Azizul Huq (20), Mizanur Rahman (20), Lal Mia (18) and Shamsul Huq (22), all from Jamalpur district and settled in Naniarchar thana, Rangamati. Their fate is still uncertain.

This was the 24th incident of the violation of unilateral ceasefire declared by the Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity. Several incidents of shooting at the security forces, for refusal to pay tolls by the tribal insurgents took place during the ceasefire

Meanwhile, a Shantibahini activist was arrested by the member of the security forces on January 10 while extorting tolls from the people in Naniarchar. His accomplices, however, managed to escape.

#### MAGURA

## Hartal observed

Jan 24: Teachers and students of Sherpur High School observed a half day hartal in the thana on Wednesday demanding nationalisation of the school, reports UNB.

All shops ad business centres in the town were closed, however, no untoward incident was occurred during the pe-

Later, the teachers and students of the school brought out a procession and paraded the main roads of the town chanting various slogans in favour of their demand.

They also said they would be compelled to launch greater movement if the demand is not met immediately.

#### COMILLA

#### Indian sarees worth Tk 1.11 lakh seized

Jan 24 : BDR personnel recovered Indian sarees worth about Taka 1.11.200 from a house at Rampur village in Kotwali thana recently, reports

Acting on a tip, BDR personnel raided the house and recovered 556 pieces of Indian

In another raid, they also seized Indian sarees and sugar worth about Taka 10,500.

The contrabands were handed over to the local customs authorities.

#### TANGAIL

#### Basic training on uplift activities begins

Jan 24 : A two-week basic training on developmental activities for the second batch of the female village leaders of Village Defence Party (VDP) began recently at district Ansar and VDP office premises here, reports BSS.

A total of 156 village leaders from Bhuapur, Kalthati, Madhupur, Nagarpur and Ghatail thanas are taking part in the training.

Such training for the first batch concluded on January 15. A total of 159 female leaders from Tangail sadar, Shakipur, Bsail, Mirzapur, Gopalpur and Delduar thanas took part in the training.

Sheikh Abdul Mannan, district Adjutant of Ansar and VDP conducted the training.

#### JHENAIDAH

### Two bodies recovered

Jan 24 : Police recovered two bodies from two villages in the district Thursday, reports

One of the dead was identified as Rajob Ali (60), a former union parishad Chairman. He was slaughtered at a nearby field at his village home in

Witnesses said Rajob Ali was foreibly taken away from his residence at gun point by some miscreants at 10 pm Wednesday. The miscreants demanded Taka one lakh as toll from the deceased.

In another incident some miscreants stabbed a farmer Ayub Hossain to death at village Achintapur in Shailakupa

Local people said the miscreants stabbed Ayub while he was guarding an onton field on Wednesday night.

His body was recovered later by the police. None was arrested yet.

Two separate cases were filed with the Sadar and Shalikupa police.

#### Rajbari

### BCL sweeps college union polls

Jan 24: Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) won 20 seats ineluding Vice President and General Secretary in the 21member Students Union elections of Baliakandi College, reports UNB.

The election was held peacefully on Saturday amid much enthusiasm. Kamrul Islam and Alamgir Hossain were elected as VP and GS respectively.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union got the remaining seat. Chhatra League brought out a victory procession after the announcement of the results.

#### FARIDPUR Officials confce

Jan 24: A conference of the district level officials was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner on Saturday, reports UNB.

KM Rabbani, Principal Secretary of Prime Minister's Secretariat, was present as chief guest. He called upon the government officials to work sincerely to implement the policy and programmes of the democratic government.

He said the wellbeing of the common people depends on the sincere implementation of the development projects initiated by the present government within the stipulated pe-

The Principal Secretary also suggested them to motivate the grassroot level employees to create awareness among the common people about health, education and nutrition.

Deputy Commissioner K M Nurul Huda, SP Hadisuddin, Abdul Matin Talukder, Deputy Director, Agricultural Extension, and Mia Alimuzzaman, DGM, BSCIC, among others, were present in the meeting. They also apprised the Principal Secretary about the meeting. They also apprised the Principal Secretary about the progress and problems of the on going development projects.

#### SIRAJGANJ

### 15 hurt in clash

Jan 24: At least 15 people were injured in a clash between local people and looters near the river Jamuna in Kazipur thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

Witnesses and police said the trouble crupted when local people chased after a gang of armed dacoits that swooped on a shop at Kazipurghat at 11 am on the day.

Local people nabbed three of the looters with one Indian made revolver, two bullets and one kiriteh.

The alleged dacoits who were caught identified as Murad (18), second year student of Islamia Government College, Shohag (17) and Kala (20). They were handed over to the local police along with the arms and ammunition.

Our Correspondent adds: Historic Kuthibari of poet Rabindra Nath Tagore at Shahzadpur have lost glamour as it fails to draw attraction of the tourists.

In absence of necessary approach roads and proper attention of the authority the Kuthibari area have turned to the den of intruders. The garden of the compound is always damaged by free access of cattleheads and goats. Even on hot days (Mondays and Thursdays) the vendors are found to take rest in the premises. Some also cook their food here and there creating clumsy atmosphere in the area.

#### MADARIPUR

### Nine-day long eye camp concludes

Jan 24: A nine-day long eye camp under the auspices of Gano Unnayan Prochesta (GUP) at Rajoir Dishari Shishu Beddalaya premises concluded recently, reports UNB.

A total of 76 cataract patients were operated upon and spectacles distributed free of cost, GUP sources said.

They said about 1000 eye patients were treated at the camp during the period. Our Correspondent adds:

Teachers receive handsome amount for private coaching in batches. Private coaching is also practised in the higher secondary and degree levels to secure good results mostly in practical subjects.

Students of science department alleged that it has become impossible to get better results without the help of private tutors as almost all the teachers are found indifferent to their classroom duties.



LIFE NEVER CEASES TO FLOW: The crowd of the day-labourers in search of means of livelihood defying the chilly - Star photo wintery morning.

## Diarrhoea kills 22, attacks Brahmanbaria 1355 in Khulna last 18 days

KHULNA, Jan 24 Diarrhoea claimed 22 lives and attacked 1,355 people during last 18 days in the district, reports UNB.

According to informed sources, two people died and 104 were affected in Dumuria, two died and 73 affected in Paikgacha thana, 12 died and 472 affected in Dakop thana, three died and 326 affected in Batiaghata thana, three died and 51 affected in Koara thana, 22 affected in Rupsa thana, 15 affected in Dighalia thana and 34 affected in Terokhada thana.

About 233 people were admitted to ID Hospital.

At least 45 medical teams are working in the nine thanas to combat the spread of the

Deputy Commissioner of the district sought more help from the NGOs to check the deadly

BSS report says: Two sepa rate meetings were held at Battaghata and Dumuria thana parishad auditorium Wednesday to review the latest diarrhoca situation.

presided over by the Deputy Commissioner, Khulna. Concerned thana-level officers attended the meetings.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the officers to take effective measures both for treatment and prevention of diarrhoeal diseases. He also asked them to send

medical teams on an emergency basis to the affected ar-UNB report says:

Bangladesh Rifles here seized a huge quantity of smuggled goods worth over Taka 32 crore and arrested 837 people in this connection in the last According to official

sources, they also filed about 8000 cases during the same BDR Khulna sector said

goods worth about Taka 20 erore were setzed while being smuggled into the country and goods worth about Taka 12 croré were seized while being smuggled out to India.

BDR seized contrabands worth Taka 20 crore in the first first six months of the last

were year and goods worth about Taka 12 crore in the next six

BSS report adds: The 57th birth anniversary of the late President Ziaur Rahman was observed here in a befitting manner on Tuesday.

Milad Mahfil and discussion meeting were held to mark the occasion. Presided over by President

city BNP M. Nurul Islam, the discussion meeting was addressed among others by Morshedul Huq Manju, Nazrul Islam Manju, Shah Jalal Bablu, Tarikul Islam Zahir, Shaikh Abdur Rashid, Kazi Mushetaq . Hossain, Maruf Al-Tashid, Mafizur Rahman and Atiar Rahman. Speaking on the occasion

the President city BNP Nurul Islam said that Shaced Zia was the exponent of Multi-party democracy. He said that Shaheed Zia was the architect of new Bangladesh and the nation hopes-aspiration. The 18point programme is the charter of emancipation of the millions of downtrodden masses who are groaning under the curse of poverty.

## Zila Bar Assoc executives From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 24: The election of of executive committee of Zila Bar Association '93 held here on January 20. The newly elected office

bearers are: President - Syed Emdadul Bari, Vice-President Nazir Hussain Khan, Secretary - Wasek Ali, Joint Secretary - Gaziur Rahman, Joint Secretary (Library) - Abdul Momen. Treasurer

Bashiruddin Ahmed, Members

- Syed Faruque, Abdul Quyum

#### and Sreemoti Subra Bardan. Chhatra Dal sweeps college union polls

JHENIDAH, Jan 24: Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Islami Chhatra Sibir jointly swept over the Students Union election of Khotchadpur KMH Government College Tuesday, reports UNB. Farook Ahmed of Chhatra

Shibir and Yeasin' Arafat of JCD were elected as Vice-President and General Secretary respectively in the election.

#### According to informed sources, eight dacoities were committed in Goalanda thana

sengers at gun-point.

Dacoits loot valuables,

cash worth Tk 26 lakh

RAJBARI, Jan 24: At least

12 dacoities were committed

dacoits decamped with the

valuables worth about Taka six

The daring dacoities in

Grameen Bank branch in

Pangsha and Goaland Hospital

store have created panic

In another dacotty at village

Only five dacoity cases have

been filed with the police,

while others did not turn up to

UNB report from Habiganj

adds: Dacotts looted cash and

valuables worth more than

Taka 20 lakh from passengers of several vehicles at

Thunarthap thana on Dhaka-

Sylhet highway early Monday

to 20 armed dacoits halted a

Sylhet bound night coach,

three trucks and a microbus

on the road and snatched

Witnesses said a group of 15

file cases for fear of life, it is

Ujanchar in Goaland the da-

coits injured the house owner

among the people.

and looted his gun.

in two thanas of the district Passengers alleged that the dacoits stopped the vehicles during the last month, reports putting barricades on the highway hardly one kilometer from the sadar thana and during the hour-long dacoity no patrol police were found in the and four in Pangsha thana during the period in which the

valuable goods from the pas-

#### Erosion renders 300 families homeless

PABNA, Jan 24 : At least 300 families of eight villages of Bera thana were rendered homeless on account of sudden erosion by river Jamuna during the last fortnight days, reports

para, Sharisha, Bijoygonj, Nayanpur, Ragunathpur, Nakalia, Ganopotadia and Madhu-

Thana Parishad sources said mastered and wheat.

homeless families took shelter on the flood control embank ment while the rest were passing their days in great distress money, ornaments and other in different areas.

# Lightning claims 2 lives in Lalmonirhat

LALMANIRHAT, Jan 24 Lightning killed two people in Kaliganj thana of the district, police said here Tuesday, reports UNB.

According to family sources, Rezia Khatun (55) of Gopal Ray village was struck by lightning while working at her house and Syed Ali (35) of Botla village of the thana was killed while cutting branches of a tree near his house.

The bodies were sent to morgue for autopsy and two unnatural death cases have been filed with the police. Another report says: A day-

long workshop of the Union Parishad Chairman was held at the conference room of the Circuit House on Monday last. The worship discussed issues on 'Health, Education and

during the sessions. Divisional Commissioner M Aminul Islam inaugurated the workshop as chief guest.

Socio-Economic Development

In his speech Aminul Islant reminded the chairman of their responsibilities and called upon them to dedicate their efforts in the nation building activities. He urged them to increase the rate of Club Gokul Roy and the editor of 'weekly Janajani' Sultan Ahmed later met with the Commissioner. Another report adds: Three

Welfare Department and EDM to three projects in three villages in Kaliganj as part of their rural development programme.

### Educationist dead

mourn his death.

on the campus and laid to rest

## Poura polls campaign gains momentum in districts Al Mamun Sarker (AL) and

KURIGRAM, Jan 24: Election campaign is getting momentum in Kurigram poura area as the election date is

coming nearer. Meetings, processions mike publicity, postering, distribution of handbills, putting up banners and election symbols at convenient points, wall writings and house to house contacts are the main features of electioneering.

Four candidates are contesting for the post of chairman while thirty eight including two females candidates for 9 posts of commissioners are contesting the polls scheduled to be held on January 30.

Four contestants for the post of chairman are: Expourashava chairman and defeated MP candidate for the last Parliamentary Election Abdus Salam (BNP-umbrella symbol) Ex-Zila Parishad Chairman Rukunoddowla Ruku (Jatiya Party - bullock cart symbol), local businessman Abdul Jalil (Awami-League --rickshaw symbol) and local young social worker Kaziul Islam (Independent, supported by 5-party alliance, bi-

cycle symbol). The 38 contestants for the

commissionership are: Word No-1: Mohammad Ali Sarker, Imran, Rostom Ali Tota, Haftzuddin Akanda. Badiruddin, Noor Islam Notey Habibur Rahman Hobi, Abdus Samad, Nazrul Islam, Abdul Jabbar, Golani Rabbani, Moju Mta, Abdullahel Bakt

Word No-2 : Nasim Mahboob, Abul, Lal Mia, Kazi Aslam Dalim, Kasım Uddin, Abdul Kashem, Md. Moznu, Akbar Ali, Mostafa 'Kamal Fazlar Rahman, Aminur Rahman Alam, Kafiluddin, Razia Parveen.

Word No-3: Shamsul

Hossain, Matiar Rahman, Nural

Islam, Golzar Hossain, Nabab Ali, Abu Bakar Siddique, Azghar Alt, Abdus Samad, Masudur Rahman Riaz, Mohammad Abdus Samad, Sayed Alt, and Mrs. Dolf Begum. The electioneering gives the impression that there will be a straight fight between

Rukunoddowla Ruku (Jatiya

Party) and Abdus Salam (HNP)

candidates for the post of

pourashava chairman. Mymensingh

Our Mymensingh Correspo ndent reports: A total of 18 candidates are contesting for the chairmanship and 229 for 39 posts of commissioners from three pourashava election in Mymensingh district. The pourashavas are Mymensingh, Muktagacha and Gouripur.

In this election campaign political parties have been playing a key-role as most of them are in the race.

A total of 67 candidates are contesting for nine commissioners post from three wards. A total of 1,03,875 voters in Mymensingh pourashava are enlisted in the voters list in cluding 55,879 male and

47,996 female A total of 19,202 voters in Muktagacha pourashava are enlisted in the voters list including 9,248 male and 9,954 fe-

A total of 11.593 voters in Couripur pourashava are en listed in the voters list including 6,022 male and 5,511 fe-

#### Madaripur

Our Madaripur Correspon dent says: The probable candidates of chairman and

From Our Correspondent word commissioner of local

pourashava of the district have launched their election cam-A total of three candidates

are contesting for the post of

chairman and 26 for 9 posts of commissioner from three Candidates for chairman arc: Ex-pourashava Chairman and Freedom Fighter Chowdhury Noorul Alam-Babu

Chowdhury (Ind), ex-pou-

rashava Chairman and Freedom

Fighter M. Khalilur Rahman

Khan (BNP) and Dr. Abdul Bari

#### Lalmonirhat

Our Lalmonirhat Correspondent says: A total of 5 candidates are contesting for the chairmanship and 31 for the nine posts of commissioner from three words in the coming election of Lalmonirhat pourashava.

The five candidates for the chairmanship are: Abdus Sobhan (AL), Mokbul Hossain (AL) both them are former Chairman, Lutfor Rahman (JP) Mosharaf Hossain Rana (JSD-Inul and Hafiz Ferdoush Swapan (CPB).

A total 22,634 voters are enlisted in the voters list in-

KURIGRAM. The roadside wall of the district seen decorated with wall writings.

cluding 11,717 male and

#### Jamalpur

10,917 female.

Our Jamalpur Correspondent says: The election campaign of Jamalpur pourahsava is going on full swing. Probable candidates are found very active and coming in closer contact with the voters

of the pourashava area. A total of four candidates are contesting for the post of chairman and 69 for 12 posts of commissioners from four

The contestants for the post of chairman are, renowned sramik, leader and district unit of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal convener Faizur Rahman, Awami League leader Mirza Shakhawatul Moni (Mirza Moni), district Jatiya Party leader Prof. Mominur Rahman and independent candidate, Jamalpur based The Telegraph correspondent Khadimul Islam

The pourashava area wears a festive look as the colourful festoons and placards have been hanged at different points. Heetic campaign by the candidates and their support-

- Star photo

port of the voters in the election. The roadside walls have been decorated with the writings and posters. The wall writings are inscribing various slogans to draw the attention of the voters.

#### Sherpur

UNB report from Sherpur says: Campaign for the ensuing pourashava election is gaining momentum in the town. The election is scheduled to be held on Jan 30.

Four candidates for chair manship and 45 candidates for 9 seats of Commissioner are contesting the polls, official sources said. The poura area wears a les-

tive look with colourful festoons and placards hanged at different points and walls decorated with posters and writings. Tea stalls, markets and commercial points are the main centres for campaign. Mikings are on in the polling camps to draw the at-

traction of the voters. Most of

the political parties are on the

race and leaders and workers

including the candidates are moving door to door seeking A total of 39, 162 people are enlisted as voters in the

#### Brahmanbaria

Sherpur pourashava.

UNB report from Brahmanbaria says: Hectic campaigns by the candidates and their supporters are going on to gain the support of the voters in the coming pourashava elections.

Three candidates are contesting for chairmanship while 61 others for 12 seats of commissioner from four wards.

With colourful festoons and placards hanged in different areas and waystde walls decorated with writings and posters, the poura area assumed a feative look. Tea stalls, bazars and com-

mercial centres have turned into busiest campaign centres. Candidates are moving door to door and found attending public gatherings to exchange

greetings with the voters.

and 41 commissioner candisting in the Ishurdi poura-

be set up. Meanwhile, hectic campaign for the elections is going on in the district. The polls will be held on January 30.

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Affected villages are Khan-

acres of cropland including They said, about 200

education and health conciousness among the common President of the local Press

KHULNA, Jan 24

His Namaj-e-janaja was held

#### Huda (BNP) A total of 60,039 voters are

former minister Dr Faridul

Magura Magura says: A total of four candidates for chairmanship commissioners are contested

for January 30. The chairman candidates are Dr Monju Siddique (BNP), Nasir Bablu (AL), iqbal Akhter

Khan Kafoor (Jaker Party) and Shaheb Ali (Independent) A total of 21,006 voters, in cluding 11,792 female, are expected to practice their fran-

adds: A 105-year-old man is in the race among the 10 candidates contesting for post of chairman in the coming Pabna pourashava elections.

Twenty candidates were contesting for the chairman post and 151 candidates for commissioner post in the three pourashavas of the dis-

The pourashavas are Pabna, Bera and Ishurdt where 39 polling centres will be set up and a total of 1,14,631 voters will cast their vote.

sources said. In Bera pourashava, three candidates for chairmanship

dates have been contesting and six polling centres will be set Seven candidates for chairmanship and 45 commissioner candidates have been conte-

Political parties are playing a key role in the election campaign as most of them are in the race. The candidates for chairmanship are Haftzur

the erosion started on January and devoured about 100

TV sets and one VCP set were distributed jointly by Social

Mohammad Tawfigul Islam, an educationist and Associate Professor of Zoology, BL University College, died of heart failure at about 1 pm on January 13 at the Khulna Sadar Hospital, He was 44, reports

He left behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of friends and admirers to

#### enlisted under the Brahmanbaria pourashava.

Another UNB report from and 39 for the nine post of from three wards in Sadar thana in the forthcoming pourashave election, scheduled

Pabna UNB report from Pabna

Ten candidates for the chairman post and 65 for commissioner posts are contesting in the Pabna pourashava where 25 polling centres will be set up, official