

## District roundup

### BOGRA

#### One killed, 2 others hurt while making bombs

Mar 13: A man was killed, his wife and daughter were seriously injured in an explosion while making bombs at his Malatnagar residence in the town on Tuesday, reports UNB. The dead was identified as Wazed Ali (58), a professional bomb maker who used to sell those in the blackmarket. His injured wife Rabeya Khatun (30) and daughter Maleka (3) were rushed to the Mohammad Ali Hospital in a critical condition. The mishap occurred while Wazed was making bombs at dead of night in his bedroom, police said.

### FARIDPUR

#### Int'l Women's Day observed

From Our Correspondent. Mar 13: International Women's Day was observed in the district in a befitting manner. Women staff of RESP headquarters and Mahila Bishauk Otheidoptr, Faridpur separately chalked out a day-long programme. The programme included rally, discussion meeting, chorus song, drama and exhibition.

A colourful rally was organised by women staff of RESP carrying festoons and placards paraded the main thoroughfares of the town. Another discussion meeting was held at Mahila Bishauk otheidoptr premises in the same day. Begum Hosne Ara Huda, wife of local DC attended the function as chief guest while Begum Rahima Haidish was present as special guest. Begum Liala Chowdhury presided over the function.

### SYLHET

#### Valuables worth Tk one lakh looted

From Our Correspondent. Mar 13: Armed miscreants looted valuables worth about Taka one lakh from a house at Ambarkhana Housing Estate of Sylhet town recently. According to the report, two miscreants masked with black cloth attacked the house of one Nomanur Rashid Chowdhury. The armed miscreants forcibly pushed the inmates of the house into the bathroom. They took away gold ornament, money in cash, one VCP and other valuables worth about Taka one lakh from the house. The miscreants however, managed to escape from the house after committing the looting. A case in this connection had already been registered with the police. But no action had yet been reported.

### JAMALPUR

#### Palli Bidyut Samity unit election held

From Our Correspondent. Mar 13: The election of Board of Director of Jamalpur Palli Bidyut Samity area no 4 was held at Sinhajani Girls School peacefully in Jamalpur town recently. Md Atiqul Hossain and Md Abdul Jalil was the candidates for the post. According to the instruction of Rural Electrification Board each and every year election will be held of one third area. Md Sajedul Karim Director PBS Development and Operation (South) of REB was the Returning Officer of the election Commission, MA Rashid, Asstt. Director of REB, Shaheer Rahman, XEN and Md Harun AGM (MS) were also the member of the election commission. Md Abdul Jalil has elected as Board of Director of Jamalpur Palli Bidyut Samity from area no 4 unofficially.

### SATKHIRA

#### Tk two lakh property gutted

Mar 13: Property worth about Taka two lakh were gutted in a devastating fire at a village in Kaliganj Wednesday night, reports UNB. Witnesses said the fire originated from a burning over in Narendra Nath's house at Kushiya village, engulfed the whole property. Two dwelling huts, a kitchen, a cowshed, a granary and other belongings of Narendra Nath were burnt into ashes. Local people brought the fire under control.

### AGRI-VARSITY

#### BAU Employees' Parishad executives

Mar 13: The 15-member executive council of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Employees' Parishad has recently been formed with Golam Moinuddin (Bulbul) as its President and Tozammel Hossain as its General Secretary, says a press release. Other office-bearers of the executive council include Ashraf Ali Huda as Sr Vice-President, Md Baduzzaman as Vice-President, Kazi Abdul Gofur as Joint Secretary, Anwarul Karim as AGS, Azizul Islam as Organising and Office Secretary, Enayet Kazim Ahmed as Finance Secretary, A Hossain as Social Welfare Secretary, Khairul Islam as Cultural Secretary and Abdul Ilye, Saleh Uddin, Shaful Islam, Anwar Hossain and SM Al-Mamun as executive members.

Press release adds: The Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) final examination of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) for the year 1990, which was scheduled to begin on 26 April 1993, has temporarily been suspended for some unavoidable reasons, according to a notification issued recently by the Controller of Examinations of BAU.

### PABNA

#### 1000 new telephone lines to be set up

Mar 13: Some 1000 new lines of telephone exchange will be up in the district town soon, official sources said here on Thursday, reports UNB. About 600 applications are learnt to have been submitted to the authorities seeking new connections. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia announced setting up of the new telephone exchange in the district on February 18 at a public meeting here. The extension work of old telephone exchange will begin at the end of the current month, sources added.

### FENI

#### Contraband goods worth Tk 35 lakh seized

Mar 13: BDR personnel seized contrabands worth Taka 35 lakh and arrested five alleged smugglers in raids from different areas of the district during the last one month, reports UNB. The arrested are Abul Bashar of Amanullapur village in Chandpur, Jafar Ahmed of Sreepur village in Fulgazi thana of Feni district, Abul Khaleque of Daoulatpur village in Chittagong, Shahadat Hossain of Moharchar village in Feni and Ilias of Chhagalnala of the same district.

The recovered goods include Indian sarces, timber, bicycle, wine, syrup and injection. The arrested were handed over to the police.

### JHENIDAH

#### 25 hurt in rival groups clash

Mar 13: A quarrel between the two group of children at Dinglegram in Sadar thana ultimately turned into a clash of the elders injuring at least 25 people, reports UNB. The quarrel among youngsters of the village spread into a full-fledged clash between two groups leaving several people injured. Both the groups used lathi, sarki and other sharp weapons, villagers and hospital sources said. The injured, Laitu, Mintu, Intazuddin, Rashid, Rangu, Shahadat, Imarat, Nazrul, Badaruddin and Abdur Rashid were admitted to the Jhenidah hospital.

### KISHOREGANJ

#### One succumbs to injuries

From Our Correspondent. Mar 13: Advocate Shamsul Huda Khan (45) of village Panan under Hossainpur thana of the district was killed by his cousin recently. According to police, in the morning of the day of incident there was an altercation between the cousins and the aunt of the deceased on a trifling matter. Advocate Shamsul Huda Khan tried to pacify them but the agitated cousins swooped on him and beat him mercilessly. He succumbed to his injuries a few hours later.



JAMALPUR: Kuna Maluncha Amena Dhakil Madrasha has completely been damaged by recent cyclone in Maluncha thana of the district. — Star photo

## Prospect of cotton farming Bright in Kushtia Zone

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Mar 13: Prospect of cotton production in Kushtia zone has become bright following introduction of new variety and extension of other facilities to the farmers by Cotton Development Board. The Kushtia zone comprises of Kushtia, Chuadanga, Meherpur and Ballia Kandi of Rajbari district. In this zone, 35733 acres of land have been brought under cotton cultivation this year where 3,57,330 maunds of cotton worth Taka 27 crore are expected to be produced. Out of this, 25000 bales of lint cotton would be utilised in various textile Mills of the country by which a considerable amount of foreign exchange would be saved.

Dr Ayubur Rahman, Executive Director of Cotton Development Board has returned from USA taking training on high yielding variety of cotton namely Deltapine 90, BDL Bulk A. He has introduced Deltapine 90 to achieve good result in our soil. Azibar Rahman, CGDO, Kushtia informed that ginning out turn

(GOT) of Deltapine 90 is above 40 per cent where as other existing variety like DL 16 and BDL Bulk can provide GOT upto 33 per cent.

In order to obtain better result other varieties will be experimented, Rahman said. It may be mentioned here that the soil of this zone is suitable for cotton production and if the farmers are provided with adequate facilities for marketing their products, they will go for this cash crop gradually in more areas to replace other cash crops like tobacco and other Rabi crops and earn more profit.

### Malnutrition

Hundreds of children in six thanas of Kushtia district have been suffering from malnutrition, jaundice and other intestinal diseases for want of proper treatment facilities. It is learnt that 60 per cent of the victims have been suffering from intestinal and skin disease but their medicare has not been possible due to scarcity of necessary

medicines in the hospital.

The physical growth of the children was hindered for want of vitamin. According to local physicians, malnutrition has been caused by vitamin deficiency. On the otherhand, thana hospitals in respective areas are not equipped with necessary medicines to help remove the vitamin deficiency.

Anti-social activities are rampant at Kushtia Court Railway Station and its surrounding areas for a long time. A group of people who indulge themselves in these types of activities do not bother about others. The station is located just in front of Kushtia Police Station under the same boundary.

Large number of passengers travel to and from Kushtia Court Railway Station from various parts of the country every day. The condition of waiting rooms is in a pitiable condition and remains dirty and found under lock and key most of the time.

## Notes from Brahmanbaria

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Mar 13: New Deputy Commissioner, Brahmanbaria, Md Abdul Matin met the elites of the town at Circuit House recently.

The meeting was addressed among others by former State Minister Dr Faridul Huda, president, Zila Press Club, Mohd Musa, president, Bar Association, Syed Emdadul Bari, president, Zila Awami League Advocate Syed Strajul Islam, secretary, Zila BNP Hamdul Hoque Tukku, secretary, Zila Jatiya Party Abdul Wahid Khan Laboo, Convenor, PDF Advocate Abdus Samad, president, Chamber and Commerce Mohd Fariduddin Ahmed, Public Prosecutor Shaful Islam, president, Zila Red Crescent Society Liaqat Ali, Communist Party's Sumesh Ranjan Roy, Zila Commander, freedom fighter Tajul Islam, Workers Party leader Akser M Chowdhury, secretary, Zila Jamaat-e-Islami Rustom Ali Sarker.

The function was conducted by Additional Zila Magistrate Shah Alam.

### Zila police sports held

The annual sports of Bangladesh Police, Brahmanbaria Zila held at Annada Government High School ground recently. Police Super Mohd Habibur Rahman inaugurated the function. About 200 competitors contested in 24 events. Mrs Habibur Rahman distributed prizes among the winners.

### School girl electrocuted

A girl student of Brahmanbaria Anandamaye Girls High School was electrocuted recently. It is learnt that Lipi(14), a student of class eight came in touch with a live wire when she was spreading wet clothes after taking bath. She was rushed to the sadar hospital where doctor declared her dead.

### Smuggled goods seized

A special squad of BDR led by Commandant of 32 Rifle Battalion Lt Col Niaz in a raid, seized smuggled goods worth about Taka 7.50 lakh from Dhaka bound Sylhet night coaches at Ashuganj ferry ghat of the district recently. The recovered goods were 950 meter velvet sufa cover clothes, 48 rolls of film processing paper and 70 pieces of Indian sarces.

### Course on diarrhoea treatment, prevention

A month-long training course on diarrhoea treatment and prevention of rural physician and village doctors was held at sadar thana parishad auditorium recently. Additional Secretary for Health and Family Planning Ministry A B M Siddique was present as chief guest. The function was presided over by Family Planning Officer, sadar thana Dr Abdur Rashid while Deputy Commissioner Khabiruddin Ahmed was present as special guest. It was addressed among others by Deputy Director, Family Planning, M A Mannan, Dr Zahurul Hoque, Dr Zia Amin.

### Nine nabbed

Sadar thana police arrested nine absconding accused of different cases from different places. The arrested accused persons are Rahim Miah, Ali Miah and Kuddus Miah of village Kalishima, Khurshid Miah, Rashid Miah, Buechu Miah of village Khiratola under SINGERBI (S) union and Zair Miah, Mon Miah and Zay Miah of village Telynagar. The raid conducted by Sub-Inspector Mia Kutubur Rahman Chowdhury, Sub-Inspector Subash Chandra Shaha and Assistant-Sub Inspector Murtosa Ali.

## Sale of Indian sugar on Tk 45 cr sugar lying unsold in Dinajpur

DINAJPUR, Mar 13: Sugar worth about Taka 45 crore has been lying unsold in the godowns of three sugar mills of the district due to rampant sales of Indian sugar in local markets, reports UNB. About 80,000 metric tons of sugar in the godowns of Sctabganj, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh Sugar Mills is lying idle as Indian sugar has flooded the local markets, informed sources said.

As a result, sugar cane growers remain unpaid of their outstanding dues of about Taka 18 crore from the mills. Besides, they are compelled to sell their produce to third party on cash payment at a rate of Taka 25 as against the mill rate of Taka 37.50 per maund. It is learnt. The growers urged the concerned authorities to take measures to check smuggling of Indian sugar and pay their

outstanding dues immediately. Our correspondent adds: Absence of transport facilities for students of Dinajpur Government Girls' High School has been causing great inconvenience since long. The authorities are reportedly paying little attention to the problem of the only government girls' high school in the district where girl students come from far-flung areas every day through unlimited inconveniences.

During the examination period, the sufferings of students know no bounds. Taking advantage of the situation the rickshaw pullers demand exorbitant fares from them. It is learnt. Another report adds: Acute shortage of bullocks is prevailing in the rural areas of this district adversely affecting the cultivation, farmers said.

## Toll collectors storm shop, loot Tk 11,000 cash

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 12: Extortionists stormed a stationery shop in the town, injured five people and took away Taka 11,000 on Thursday evening, reports UNB.

An armed group of youngsters entered the Lily Store on Suhrawardy Road and demanded 'Eid toll' from Samar Kumar (45), the owner of the shop. As their demand was rejected, the youngmen went furious and started beating Samar and four salesmen and snatched the cash, police and witnesses said.

Sirajganj Traders' Association held a protest meeting in its office with its Senior Vice-President Sultan Talukder in the chair soon after the incident. The businessmen came in processions from different parts of the town and joined the meeting. They gave police 12 hours

to nab the miscreants, failing which the traders will go for shutdown for an indefinite period. Police have been posted in the town to fend off any untoward incident. A case has been filed with sadar thana in this connection.

At least three people died and over 100 others were attacked by the disease Kalazor in three thanas of the district during the last few days, official sources said. But unofficial sources claimed that death toll rose to seven and over 200 others were attacked by the disease. The dead were identified as Mondol (45) of Sonahara village Shamsar Mollah (65) of Ahmedpur under Sujannagar thana Mozibur (15) of Kullazuri village. Local physicians alleged that preventive medicine for the disease is not available in the market.



CHANDPUR: The members of Chandpur Central Rotary Club distributing clothes and books among the poor students of a night school organised by the club recently. — Star photo

## Business without trade licences rampant

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Mar 13: Mushroom growth of shops and trading without licences have become rampant in Chuadanga pourashava areas in recent days.

At least 500 shops of grocery, stationery, restaurants, machinery parts, jewellery and other trade are continuing business without any trade licence, it is reliably learnt. The pourashava authority is being deprived of heavy revenue earning every year. It is alleged that some dishonest employees of the pourashava have close contact with the shopkeepers carrying on such illegal practices. Moreover unauthorised floating shops occupy footpaths causing untold inconvenience to the common people. On the other hand, most of

the shopkeepers are even using electricity without meter causing loadshedding and untold suffering to the genuine consumers. The people of Chuadanga town urged upon the concerned authorities to take legal action against these unlawful activities.

Another report adds: The facilities department of the Ministry of Education has implemented six big schemes in two thanas of Chuadanga sadar and Alamdanga during the last financial year at a cost of Taka 42.45,502/-.

The schemes included construction, reconstruction, repair and renovation of the buildings of the different educational institutions and training institutes.

## Four housewives commit suicide in 2 dists

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Mar 13: Two house wives in Satkhira Sadar thana of the district allegedly committed suicide by taking liquid pesticide recently.

Our Kishoreganj Correspondent adds: A newly married housewife committed suicide at village Parkachua in Bajitpur thana of the district recently. Ferdousi Begum, wife of Abdul Jabbar hanged herself from the ceiling of the house. The cause behind the suicide could not be ascertained. A case of unnatural death was registered with Bajitpur police station in this connection. The body was sent to Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

[30] wife of Bankim Chandra Saha of village Machkhola committed suicide by taking liquid pesticide recently.

Another report says: One house wife Shanti Rani Saha

## Scarcity of milch cows, fodder Milk production on decrease

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Mar 13: Milk production is decreasing in the district day by day due to scarcity of milch cows and fodder.

According to reports, the number of milch cows have rapidly decreased due to huge slaughtering of cows for consumption as flesh in the absence of requisite fish supply which is considered the main protein food item for the Bengali people.

Fresh grass needed for milch cows is not easily available in the towns as also in villages now-a-days. At present, grass is not grown as before because of the change of pattern of crops with the mechanised system of cultivation. A major portion of grass land has been brought under IRRI-boro cultivation. Keshari, mashkolia and other were abundantly cultivated in the land. These catered for fodder needs.

Besides, cattle disease has become a regular feature in the district. During the past decade thousands of milch cows were killed and attacked by the fatal diseases. Farmers alleged that the staff of the Livestock Department practically took no step to save the valuable cows from the attack of the diseases.

Thus a great number of cows died of the disease which broke out as an epidemic. Due to the scarcity of milk, the prices of the milk products have also risen. The Ghosh community is about to give up their profession for the scarcity and high price of milk.

The availability of pure milk is scarce as water is mixed with the milk to increase the quantity. The scarcity of milk has compelled the milk consumers to use powder milk.

### Valuables worth Tk 50,000 gutted

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Mar 13: Valuables worth about Taka fifty thousand were gutted in a fire that took place at a cotton factory at Shibganj area of Sylhet town on Wednesday last.

According to the reports, the fire originated when the factory which was in operation at about 1 pm suddenly. Cotton worth about over Taka 20 to 22,000 were gutted completely in the fire.

Another report adds: The farmers demanded early steps to ensure power supply for the improvement of irrigation in the vast haor area of Itna, Mitamain and Austagram thanas of Kishoreganj district.

Thousands of acres of land is being brought under cultivation of high yielding variety of boro paddy every year in the area under the mechanised cultivation scheme. A large number of diesel operated power pumps has been installed. But due to high price of diesel and fuel required for operating the pumps the cost of production goes up causing much hardship to the farmers.

The power operated pumps would substantially reduce the cost of irrigation, it is stated. The power supply apart from solving the irrigation problem would boost the production of boro paddy as also help establish rice, flour, oil and saw mills and engineering workshops to hasten the pace of development of the haor region.

The scheme for the power supply to Itna, Mitamain and Austagram thanas may be initiated from Chamraghat of Karimganj thana of the district by constructing overhead towers.



BARISAL: The RCC pillars along the demarcation lines of Barisal and Bhoila has been installed recently. — Star photo