

District roundup

KISHOREGANJ

Housewife commits suicide

From Our Correspondent
Apr 16: Sufia Khatun (20) wife of Kanhana Miah of village Charbuail under Nandail thana committed suicide jumping herself from speeding train at Nandail recently following a quarrel with her husband relating to family feud. It is reported that conjugal life of Sufia with her husband was not happy since her marriage.
Another housewife Badana (24) of village Sunail under Nandail thana committed suicide recently. The causes of suicide could not be ascertained immediately.
Separate unnatural death cases were registered in this connection and the bodies were sent to morgue for autopsy.

RAJBARI

Unruly people assault NCD official

Apr 16: A Narcotics Control Department official was assaulted by a group of unruly people when he along with others went to Goolando bazar in the town to arrest a shop-owner for possessing Phenylsyrup, reports UNB.

Police sources said acting on secret information, a 10-member team of Narcotics Control Department seized 11 phials of Phenylsyrup from the shop of Jonab Ali and arrested him.

At this a group of angry people swooped on the team members and snatched away Jonab Ali along with the contraband. Golam Mostafa, Superintendent of the department, received serious head injury. He was removed to the local hospital.
Two separate cases had been filed with the local police.

LALMONIRHAT

20 hurt in rival groups clash

Apr 16: At least 20 people were injured, six seriously in a clash between two rival groups at Kishamat Chandrapur Government Primary School premises in Aditmarti thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

The clash erupted when Aditmarti Social Welfare Officer Mozammel Haq went to examine the witnesses of a case. The officer was directed by thana magistrate to investigate into the case.

Of the injured, Jafaruddin (25), Shamsul Haq (30), Nurul Haq (35), Taslimuddin (32), Mohiruddin (26) and Nur Mohammad (40) were rushed to the Aditmarti Health Complex.

CHITTAGONG

World Health Day observed

Apr 16: World Health Day '93 was observed here on Thursday through discussion, colourful rally and distribution of prizes, reports BSS.

Members of voluntary social organisations, students, members of the Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) and doctors attended a rally led by city Mayor Mir M Nasir Uddin, Police Commissioner and the Civil Surgeon.

A discussion was held at Dampara police line with CMP Commissioner Osman Ali Khan in the chair. City Mayor Mir M Nasiruddin was present on the occasion as the chief guest. Prof Abdul Hai, Mujibar Rahman, Dr M A Kashme, Dr Nasreen Jahan and other took part in the discussion.

Later the city mayor distributed prizes among the winners of a competition on child health.

PABNA

Work of rly training complex complete

Apr 16: The implementation work of the Iswardi Loco Motive Training Complex of Bangladesh Railway has been completed, official sources said here Thursday, reports UNB.

The project was implemented at a cost of Taka one crore during the current financial year.
Railway sources said guards and firemen of the department in the western zone will be trained in the centre.

Three more loco motive training complexes and hostels will be completed at Dhaka, Sayedpur and Pahartali junctions at a cost of Taka eight crore, the sources added.

NARSINGDI

Punishment to killers of madrasa student demanded

Apr 16: A mass demonstration was staged in the town with the body of a Madrasa student brutally killed on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Azizul Haq Bhuiyan, who had recently severed relations with Islamic Chhatra Shibir, was allegedly murdered by the henchmen of Syed Kamaluddin Zafrī, Principal of Jameya-e-Kashemita Madrasa.

Aziz had reportedly brought corruption charge against the Principal and demanded refund of defalcated Taka 25 lakh at public meetings.

A case has been registered with the sadar thana against 19 supporters of the Principal, the main suspect of the murder. Kamaluddin is now under police protection because of public wrath against him.

Police, meanwhile, arrested former VP of the Madrasa Abul Kalam Azad for his alleged complicity in the killing.

The protesters held a rally at Eidgah maiden with the body of Aziz. They also brought out a procession demanding immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of the killers.

MAGURA

Five injured in rival groups clash

Apr 16: At least five people including a woman were injured, four seriously, in a clash between two rival groups of people at village Abalpur in sadar thana on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said a quarrel ensued between two groups of people over a trifling matter and at one stage both the groups attacked each other with bamboo sticks and sharp weapons.

Seriously injured Babar Ali (30), Syed Ali (35), Zakir Hossain (20) and Rahima Begum (25) were admitted to sadar hospital in a critical condition.

Village elders are said to be trying to solve the rivalry between the two groups through village arbitration.

HABIGANJ

Law, order situation deteriorates

Apr 16: Speakers at a rally expressed grave concern over the deteriorating law and order situation in sadar thana, reports UNB.

The rally was held at Pail Primary School premises on April 6 with former upazila chairman Syed Ahmedul Haque in the chair to protest the deteriorating law and order situation in the thana.

While addressing as chief guest Abu Lais Mobin Chowdhury MP said anti-social elements in the area were creating panic among the peace-loving people. He said crimes like cattle lifting, kidnapping, rape, hijacking and dacoity are on rise. He called upon the law enforcement agency to bring the culprits to book without fear or favour.

He also called upon all to cooperate with the administration to restore peace and discipline in the area for the greater national interest. Strict implementation of Anti-Terrorism Act can only minimise the anti-activities, he added.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Ataur Rahman, Enamul Haque, Ali Amjad Majnu, Martuja Ali, Yunus Mia and Surat Ali.

SATKHIRA

Tk 3.50 lakh Indian cows seized

Apr 16: Bangladesh Rifles seized 50 Indian cows worth about Taka 3.50 lakh from Kakdanga and Debhata border areas on Saturday, reports UNB.

Acting on secret information, BDR jawans raided the areas and seized the cows which were smuggling into the country by a gang of smugglers.

Sensing BDR arrival the smugglers managed to flee. The cows were handed over to the local customs officials.

Local people alleged that cattle are being smuggled into the country through these area for a long time. They also alleged that the smugglers have been carrying on their activities with the connivance of some dishonest officials.

Most of the time the known smugglers manage to escape safely, local leaders alleged.



LABOURERS ON WORK: The uplift works are going on in full swing in the northern districts and other parts of the country. — Star photo by A K M Mohsin

Property worth over Tk 2.35 crore burnt during last three months

Property worth over Taka 2.35 crore were gutted in devastating fire incidents during the last three months in eight districts of the country.

The fire incidents occurred in Dinajpur, Gopalganj, Kishoreganj, Sherpur, Brahmanbaria, Sylhet, Satkhira and Rangpur.

Dinajpur

UNB report from Dtnajpur says: Property worth about Taka 50 lakh were gutted when a big fire at village Ehubari in Fulbari thana of the district Sunday.

Witnesses and Fire Service sources said at least 90 houses of 30 families of the village were gutted when the fire broke out in the afternoon.

The fire originating from the kitchen of one M A Mannan of the village soon engulfed the adjacent areas. Firemen rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control after four hours of frantic efforts.

The affected people have been passing their days in extreme hardship and no relief materials were despatched to them.

They urged the authorities to provide them with relief and sanction grants to help them rehabilitate without further delay.

Gopalganj

Our Gopalganj Correspondent reports: Property worth about Taka 15 lakh was burnt ashes at Chaocha village under Muksudpur thana of the district recently.

It is learnt that the fire originated from kitchen at the house of one Awal Mia and it spread to the neighbouring areas. All belongings of the inmates where burnt to ashes.

Kishoreganj

Our Kishoreganj Correspondent reports: A total of 35 thatched houses was gutted in a devastating fire at Bakernagar village in sadar thana recently.

It is reported that the fire originated from a kerosene lamp at the house of one Dewan Ali and quickly spread to the neighbouring areas.

All belongings of the inmates including 250 maunds

of paddy and household articles were burnt. Seven goats and a large number of poultry birds were burnt to death.

The fire brigade of Kishoreganj "Palli Bidyut Samity" rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control. A total of 14 families was rendered homeless and all the members of the affected families are now living under the open sky. The total loss caused by the fire was estimated at Taka 6 lakh approximately.

Property worth about Taka 3 lakh was reduced to ashes in a fire that broken out in the house of one Janab Ali of village Bashaui under Ishwarganj thana recently.

On seeing the flame of fire the villagers rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control after fighting for three hours.

Seven houses with all belongings including rice, paddy and betelnuts were completely burnt to ashes. The origin of the fire could not be known.

Sherpur

Our Sherpur Correspondent writes: Five persons were injured and property worth about Taka 1.25 lakh were gutted in a devastating fire at Jhenagati Bazar in the district on Saturday.

It is learnt that the fire originated from a diesel shop and rapidly spread to the adjoining shops and dwelling houses. About 300 grocery shops including 100 dwelling houses were completely damaged.

A large number of poultry birds were roasted alive. Deputy Commissioner Md Ataur Rahman Majumder and Police Super of Sherpur including other district and thana level officials visited the spot.

Brahmanbaria

Our B'Baria Correspondent says: Property worth about Taka 20 were burnt to ashes and one Hamid (4) was roasted alive and 25 others injured at village Bashganj under Bancharampur thana of the district recently.

It is learnt that at least 16 houses of the village were gutted.

The injured persons identified as Hoque Miah (26), Kabir Hussain (30), Jilani (25), Sultan Miah (25), and Shahidullah (26), were admitted to the Bancharampur hospital.

Thana Nirbahi Officer Shahidul Haque and Officer-in-Charge (OC), Bancharampur Thana visited the spot.

The origin of the fire could not be ascertained immediately.

Sylhet

Our Sylhet Correspondent writes: Property worth about Taka Ten lakh were gutted in a big fire at village Baurbhag of Lauta Union under Beambaraz of Sylhet district recently.

According to the reports, in the night of incident, the fire occurred when the servant of the house of one Abdul Jalil of the village tried to take petrol from a motor cycle, due to lack of care. Eight rooms of a big dwelling house and a wood factory were burnt totally in the fire. However, there was no report of any casualty.

The total extent of loss of property had been estimated to be about Taka 10,00,000, it is reported.

Satkhira

Our Satkhira Correspondent says: A huge quantity to property is burnt to ashes every year in the absence of fire stations in six thanas of Satkhira district.

It is mentionable here that there is only one fire station at sadar thana. There are no fire stations at Shyamnagar, Kaligonj, Debhata, Assassuni, Tala and Kalaroa thana headquarters of the district.

Every year property worth lakhs of Taka including human life is lost. Kalaroa thana headquarter has been made pourasava but it has no fire station.

According to a source, about 65 fire incidents took place in the district during the current year causing loss of Taka 50 lakh.

Rangpur

Our Rangpur Correspondent adds: With the start of dry season, fire incidents have registered a sharp rise all over the district.

Almost everyday the fire incidents are being occurred mostly in the rural areas from the kitchen, blazing ashes, bid and cigarettes, electric short circuits and careless handling of fire.

Large number of families are becoming destitutes and leading their livelihood at baggers descriptions due to unabated fire incidences.

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6 commit suicide in three districts

SATKHIRA, Apr 16: Four people including three women committed suicide in different places of Sadar thana Thursday, reports UNB.

Firoza Khatun (15) of Amerdanga, Jhanu Bibi (25) of Sanka and Laila Khatun of Gona in Sadar thanas allegedly committed suicide by taking cndrin while Jabbar Ali of Munjipur of the same thana took his life by hanging.

Family feuds were learnt to be the reasons behind the suicides. Separate UD cases were registered with the local police.

Report from Feni says: A youngman allegedly committed suicide at Basuda village in Fulgazi thana by hanging himself in his house for failing to repay the borrowed money, police said on Tuesday.

Family sources said Makhan Chandra (25), a businessman of Fulgazi bazar borrowed some money from a man of the area with a pledge to refund the same on a certain date. But with the expiry of the date the money lender put pressure on him to refund his money.

Makhan tried his best to refund the same but failed and finding no other way out he decided to commit suicide. At last on the night of April 6, he hanged himself.

A case has been filed with the local police.

Report from Habiganj adds: A youngman allegedly commit-

ted suicide by hanging himself from a tree at Ajmirganj thana of the district on Saturday.

Police and family sources said Nofi Hossain (28) committed suicide as he was suffering from paralysis since last three years.

The body was sent to Sadar hospital for autopsy and a case has been filed with the local police.

Meeting on conducting SSC exam held

MYMENSINGH, Apr 16: Meeting on "conducting SSC examination of 1993" was held at Mymensingh Zilla School recently, reports BSS.

Organised by the Dhaka Education Board the meeting was attended by the Thana Nirbahi Officers and SSC Examination Centre Secretaries of five districts under greater Mymensingh.

The greater Mymensingh included Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrakona, Kishoreganj and Mymensingh districts.

Presided over by Nuruddin Headmaster (incharge) Mymensingh Zilla School, the meeting was addressed by Obaidul Haque, Chairman and Botuddin, Controller of Examinations, Dhaka Education Board.

People welcome Bengali new year 1400

KUSHTIA, Apr 16: Hundreds of people here celebrated the Bengali New Year 1400 with much enthusiasm and festivity, reports UNB.

Separate colourful processions were brought out, cultural functions and Basahai Melas were held to welcome the new year and say audieu to the passing year 1399.

Pourashava authorities chalked out a three day programme that include a mela at its premises, discussion meeting, poetry and 'puthi' recitation and folk songs-Baul, Padabal and Kirtan by local performers.

Another mela was also arranged at Islamia College ground on the occasion.

To mark the day Kushtia Club organised "Panta Bhat" programme which was inaugu-

rated by the Deputy Commissioner MA Khair.

Kushtia Islamic University also celebrated the day by chalking out a two-day programme including discussion meetings. The meetings were followed by cultural function and soiree.

Vice Chancellor of the university attended the functions as chief guest.

A milad mahfil was also arranged by the business community of the town to observe the new day.

One Sukur Ali (35) allegedly a heroin-addict found dead in the compound of District and Sessions Judge on Sunday.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Kushtia general hospital for postmortem.

Kushtia police recorded a case of unnatural death.



MYMENSINGH: A T Ahmedul Haq Chowdhury, Police Super, Mymensingh distributing clothes among the distressed recently. — Star photo

Influenza spreading alarmingly in Gazipur

GAZIPUR, Apr 16: Influenza has been spreading in an alarming form in all the thanas of the district causing grave concern among the people, reports UNB.

About 75 to 80 per cent people of the district so far have been attacked by the disease, the district health officials said.

The worst affected thanas are: Sadar, Sreepur, Kaliakotr, Kapashia, Kaliganj and Tongi.

Almost each and every family in these areas has one or more patients, the sources added.

Each day a good number of patients from different villages are pouring into the thana health complexes and hospitals for treatment.

Doctors and health officials who have visited the affected areas attributed bad sanitation and taking of adulterated food to the outbreak of the disease.

Another report adds: Ten students of different colleges of the district could not appear at the on going degree examinations due to negligence of their respective college authorities.

According to the guardians, the affected students paid requisite fees and duly filled up forms in due time. But the college authorities did not take proper action for them in time. As a result, due to non-

issuance of admit cards they could not sit for the examinations commenced on March 31.

Of the victim students, four are from Kazi Azimuddin College, three from Sreepur Degree College and three from Kaliakotr Degree College.

The students urged the authorities to probe into the matter and take necessary arrangements so that they can sit for the examinations under special arrangements.

One killed, 300 hurt as storm lashes Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Apr 16: A woman was killed and at least 300 people were injured when a storm lashed 25 villages in Tarash thana Monday night, reports UNB.

The dead, aged about 18, was identified as daughter of Latif Master of village Magumbodh.

Of the injured, Abdur Rahman (30) of Charkushabari and Tishu Pramanik (40) of Nadua Syedpur village were admitted to a local health complex.

The storm, lasting about 30 minutes with a wind speed of up to 70 km/h, also damaged about 300 kutecha houses and standing IRRI-Boro crops on a vast track of land.



RANGPUR: A view of Mirzapur village under Mithapukur thana after a devastating fire in which at least 21 dwelling houses were completely gutted rendering 14 families homeless. — Star photo