# District roundup

#### CHITTAGONG

# Bank manager

Apr 23: Chittagong Divisional Special Judge Tuesday awarded four years rigorous imprisonment to one Muhammad Ismail and fined htm Taka ten lakh in default to suffer two years more RI for misappropriation of bank money and forgery, reports

According to prosecution story, Muhammad Ismail misappropriated Taka 8,58,000 of Pubali Bank Adhu Nagar Branch - Lohagara thana. while he was working as Branch Manager between March 1984 and September 1984.

Chittagong Regional Anticorruption Bureau made an inquiry into the case and found the accused responsible for misappropriation of the bank money and filed a case. The accused was tried in

#### DINAJPUR

abscntia.

## UP chairman commits suicide

Apr 23: A union parishad chairman of Parbatipur thana allegedly committed suicide by taking poison, reports UNB.

According to family sources, Chairman Golam Mostafa of union number 8 allegedly committed suicide on April 13 as he failed to repay bank loan in scheduled time.

The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case has been filed with the local police.

Another report from Chuadanga adds: A union parishad member was killed by some assailants at Sapor Boldia village in Sadar thana on Wednesday.

Villagers said Solaiman (28) was attacked and stabbed to death while returning home after attending a village arbitration.

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

#### **JESSORE**

#### 2,400 bottles of Indian phensidyl recovered

Apr 23: A squad of Drug Control Bureau recovered 2,400 bottles of Indian Phensidyl syrup from a village in Kotwali thana Sunday and arrested one person in this connection, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, the Bureau raided the house of Mulazzal Hossain in Daulatdihi village, 25 km from the border, and recovered the banned phensidyl bottles worth Taka 3.60

The bottles of Phensidyl syrup, having high percentage of alcohol and used as drugs, were hidden in 12 bags. Indian sarees worth Taka 20,000 were also recovered from the house during the raid which included members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR).

#### PABNA

#### Minor boy drowned, six others missing in boat capsize

Apr 23: A boy drowned and six people were missing when an engine boat capsized in the midstream of Padma near Moolerschar area in Shujanagar thana Wednesday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the boat with 26 passengers was heading towards Rajbari from Khoksha ghat and overturned in the midstream of the river when caught in a violent storm at about 8 am.

Local people rushed to the spot and recovered the body of the minor boy. Rest of the passengers, however, swam

The boy was identified as Ameer (6), son of Abdus Sattar of Bhutergari village in

Shujanagar thana. Scarch is on to trace out the missing people.

#### JAMALPUR

Apr 23: Six families were rendered homeless and property worth Taka several lakh gutted in a fire at Hajipara in Nurundi union under Sadar

originating from a cowshed of one Zakir Hossain of the village brunt to ashes 25 houses including all house hold articles

and agricultural products. twenty goats and a large num ber of poultry birds were burnt

gets 4 years RI

#### FENI Two youngmen swoop on housewife, held Apr 23: Police arrested two youngmen when they allegedly swooped on two young housewives with an ill-motive near Hasanpur in Pourshava area,

reports UNB. Police said Abdul Qatum and Abdul Hanif of Bondua village in Porshuram thana were arrested Sunday as they all on a sudden attacked the two women coming from the townafter enjoying cinema with their husbands.

On hearing hue and cry police rushed to the spot and nabbed them with the help of local people.

A case was filed with Fulgazi

#### MOULVIBAZAR

## Young girl not yet rescued

Apr 23: Police could no rescue a young girl even after three months of her abduction by some unknown miscreants, reports UNB.

Family sources Wednesday said Asma Begum (14), daughter of Amir Uddin of South Kholagaon village of Rajnagar thana of the district was kidnapped on December 30 from her house.

Amir Uddin filed a case with the police. But he alleged that the police mysteriously remained inactive to rescue his daughter.

He urged the higher authorities to arrest the miscreants and rescue the girl without further delay.

#### SIRAJGANJ

#### SSC candidate abducted

Apr 23: An SSC candidate was abducted by some unknown miscreants from a shop at Boalia bazar in Ullapara thana Sunday night, reports

Abducted Chandra Shaha (17), son of UP member Dhirendra Shaha, was a candidate from Boalia High School of this years' SSC examination which began Monday.

Police said the miscreants numbering 15 to 16 forcibly entered the shop at dead of night while he was sleeping and kidnapped him at gun point. Chandra used to sleep at night in the shop owned by his

Family sources said the miscreants demanded a huge sum of money as rausom Police hunt is on to resear the

#### MYMENSINGH

#### People urged to uphold traditional art, culture

Apr 23: Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah Tucsday urged the people to uphold traditional art and culture in every sphere of life and also work for its flourishment, reports UNB.

He was speaking as chief guest at the closing function of the week-long Festival in celebrating the Year 1400.

The function at the local town hall maidan was presided over by the Deputy Commissioner and addressed. among others, by AKM Fazlul Haq MP, Begum Nurjahan Yasmin MP and Fakir Ashraf, a writer and social worker.

The Minister said that Mymcnsingh has a long tradition of folk culture.

The "Mymensingh Geetika" has earned worldwide acclaim because of its very quality and theme embodying universal human values and sentiment. Hannan Shah called upon all

concerned to help sustain the traditional values overcoming the modern cultural onslaught. The function was rounded off with a musical soirce.

#### BARISAL

# oil dealing shop gutted

an oil dealing shop were dam aged and seven people were injured when a fire broke out town on Thursday, reports

shop soon engulfed the adjacent area and damaged property worth about Taka 5 lakh.

rushed to the spot and brought

the fire under control. Among the injured Hashem [25] were admitted to 6her-c

The affected people have urged the authorities to extend rchabilitation.



JHENIDAH: Kalikapur Primary School in the town which was damaged by a cyclone few months back has not yet been reconstructed.

script: 30 injured FENI, Apr 23: At least 30 from Kushtia adds: Thirty SSC Abdus Salam were admitted to

Clash over showing exam

people, including 8 policemen, were wounded, six seriously, when two rival groups clashed over a dispute on the SSC Examination on Thursday, reports UNB. They clashed after the SSC

Examination where an examinee of Uttar Chhagalnaiya declined to show his examination script to a candidate of Banshpara. According to police, angry

people of the two villages had engaged in a battle with stones, bamboo sticks, rod, kris and at one stage attacked policemen who appeared on the scene to pacify them. Police picked up 14 youths

from the spot. The wounded were admit-

ted to Chhagalnaiya Health Complex and Feni Sadar

The UNB Correspondent

Minister Barrister Rafigul

Islam Mia Tuesday said the

people have given mandate to

BNP to implement its 19-point

programme and not the guide-

lines of the three mainstream

plement the 19-point pro-

gramme as the people had

voted BNP to power by sup-

porting the programme, he

said addressing the fourth bi-

ennial council session of

Rajshahi district and city BNP

as chief guest in the Zila

It was also addressed,

among others, by State

Minister for Land M Kabir

Hossain, State Minister for Law

and Justice Barrister Aminul

Ilaq, Mayor of Rajshahi City

Corporation Mizanur Rahman

Minu, Azizur Rahman, MP,

Luthfunnesa Hossain, MP,

member of BNP Standing

Committee Emran Ali Sarker,

party leaders Rezaul Haq

Sarker Rana, Ekhlaq Hossain

Rajshahi district BNP was

formed in the council, with

Advocate Abdul Ilye as

President, Advocate Kamrul

Monir General Secretary and

Salauddin Baby Organising

The city committee was

also formed with Advocate

A new committee of the

and Kamrul Monir.

Secretary.

"We are pledgebound to im-

alliances, reports UNB.

Parishad auditorium.

Hospital.

candidates were expelled in the district on the third day of the examination for adopting unfairmeans. The expulsions were from

Kushtia Sadar-16, Bheramaraand Mirpur-6.

at Faridgani college on April Police and witnesses said the clash ensued when one faction of JCD brought out a procession in the college cam-

equipped with lethal arms attacked them.

Faridgani health complex while Md Azam Gazi (18) was transferred to Chandpur sadar hospital in a critical condition. No case was filed with the

police.
Another report from Sirajganj adds: At least 15 people were injured, two seriously, in a clash between two groups of people today in Bhangabari area of the town over collection of drinking wa-

Witnesses said the clash ensued when two women of the area went to collect drinking water from a tubewell and at one stage they exchanged hot words among themselves. Later, the male members of the two families engaged in violent clashes.

Rashida (22) and her mother Lailee (45) were ad mitted to sadar hospital in a critical condition.

#### Nor'wester hits Tangail TANGAIL, Apr 23 : A

nor wester of moderate intensity accompanied with heavy shower which lashed Nagarpur thana Friday night caused damage to thatched houses and standing crops, reports

According to local people, the affected unions are Shahabadpur, Mahmudnagar, Gayhatta and Nagarpur.

Many kucha houses and IRRI-boro paddy and green mangoes were damaged by the hail-storm, they said.

#### 56 SSC candidates fail to appear at the exam

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Apr 23: Fifty-two SSC candidates from Barisal

and Jhalokathi failed to appear in the examination this year as they did not received admit

Fortysix students of Aftabuddin High School of BNP govt trying to materialise Nalchiti thana under Jhalokathi did not receive their admit cards as the school authority reportedly failed to deposit the examination fees and the forms of the candidates with Jessore board within the stipulated time.

Eight students of Sher-e-Bangla Night High School also met the same fate for the same

The peon of the school Abdus Salam, 26, who was reportedly responsible for the non-deposit of the examination fees and forms with the board office, has committed suicide.

## We've to unify tribals and non-tribals, says Huda

RANGAMATI, Apr 23: Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda today said that BNP government firmly stood for upholding human rights and dignity of the citizens, reports BSS.

The government is conscious to safeguard the rights of the people in accordance with democratic norms. Barrister Huda said.

Addressing the leaders and members of Rangamati district branch of Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights at the local circuit house he said, present govcrnment was not enacting any law contrary to the human rights. The BNP government will not patronise any injustice and undemocratic practice, he added saying we are working for giving an institutional shape to the hard earned democracy.

Whatever culture or tradition we belong to, we are to build up ourselves as Bangladeshis, the Information Minister added. He called upon the local

leaders of the Human Rights Society to find out cases of violation of human rights, if any in the Hilltracts region. Local leaders of the Human

Rights Society AKM Maksood, Chowdhury Ataur Rahman, Directors of the Society Saiful Islam Dildeer and MA Mannan also spoke. Chairman of the Local Government Parishad Partjata Kushum Chakma was also present on the occasion. Later, the Information

Minister addressed the biennial conference of Rangamati Hill District BNP at Town Hall auditorium and visited Rangamati Pourashava office.

# Massive afforestation plan taken up

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Apr 23: Forest Department has taken up a massive afforestation programme in five districts under greater Rangpur zone during the current fiscal year.

According to the programme, 132-km long road, embankment and railway track sides to be put under strip tree plantation while 100 hectors of lands in five centres in Pirgonj, Mithapukur and Badargonj thanas will be brought under wood lot tree plantation.

Besides these, 93,000 trees to be planted in the compound of different religious and cultural institutions, 4.60,500 trees to be distributed among the public from the nurseries at nominal price while 300 trees will be distributed at free of cost among the students in one government primary school in each thana of the zone. Under agro-forestry plantation, 30 hectors of land in Mithapukur and Pirgonj thanas are to be brought under afforestation programme.

The non-government organisations (NGO's) have been ernment to render their best night, police sources said.

services towards development of the afforestation programme in the zone by rearing the saplings at their own initia-

tives. The Grameen Bank and BRAC are among the NGO's have been entrusted with the responsibilities of maintenance

during post-plantation period. According to a information, the afforestation programme will be started on May, 15 this

and nursing the tree plants

#### Snake bite claims 3 in Satkhira

SATKIIIRA, Apr 23: Three people were killed by snake bite in different places of the district on Sunday, reports

The victims were identified as: Abdul Hamid (35) of Balitha in Sadar, Amjad (24) of Ghona in Tala thana and Abdur Rahman of Kaikhali in Shyamnagar thana of the district. The snakes bit them when

given responsibility by the gov- they were walking on roads at

# Private tuition — now a commercial practice

From Our Correspondent

. The normal academic atmosphere in the schools and colleges of the district is being hampered to a great extent as most of the teachers engage themselves in private tuition on commercial basis. Teachers of both the government and non-government educational institutions have been engaged in private coaching neglecting their classroom duties for quite a long time. Local guardians alleged that

BRAHMANBARIA, Apr 23:

the teachers do not teach the students sincerely in the classrooms. As a result, the students find it difficult to understand their lessons. Consequently, they are forced to engage private tutors for their

Private tuition has become a regular practice of the teachers. Science and Commerce teachers get a large number of students for ceaching in batches, they added.

Teachers receive handsome amount for private coaching in batches which starts before and just after the school and college hours. Science students alleged

that it is quite impossible to

get better results without the

help of private tutors as almost

all the teachers are found in-

different to their classroom duties. Private coaching is also practised in the higher secondary and degree levels to

ensure good results mostly in practical subjects. Most of the school and college teachers often not only advise but also encourage the students in the classrooms to

engage them as private tutors

for clear conception of the

Meanwhile, the poor students have been facing manifold problems as they are not in a position to engage private tutors.



GOPALGANJ: Syed Nurul Islam, Addl. Deputy Commissioner distributing prize to a child. A baby contest

#### show was arranged here on the occasion of World Health Day recently. - Star photo

#### Arms factory unearthed confessional statements of two COX'S BAZAR, Apr 23: arrested youngmen.

Bangladesh Rifles unearthed an arms factory in a raid at Baishari dense forest area in Naikhongchhari thana this (Monday) morning, officials said, reports UNB. An LG pistol, a rifle butt, various equipments for making

guns and some bullets were also recovered from the fac-None was, however, ar-

rested in this connection.

Deputy Commanding Officer

of the 10th battalion Major

Imran conducted the raid at

7:30 am on the basts of the

Ramu thana from a Chittagongbound bus coming from Cox's Bazar at Dohajari Check Post and recovered four countrymade pistols from their possession.

Earlier on Saturday, BDR

jawans arrested the two

youngmen Jahangir Alam (28)

of Idgaon in Sadar thana and

Abul Kalam (31) of Idgu of

Police also unearthed an arms factory at the same area in last February. case was filed with the local police.

Shortage of necessary agri-

According to a farmer, at

inputs, low price of paddy and

scarcity of draught animals are

also hampering irri-borro cul-

least a sum of Taka 2300 is

needed to cultivate irri-borro

in one bigha of land of which

Taka 900 is required for irri-

gation, Taka 500 for fertilizer,

Taka 500 against labour charge

and Taka 400 for tilling the

per bigha is at least 15 maunds

and its market price stands at

On the contrary, the yield

tivation this year.

## Pye-dog bite leaves 10 dead

GAZIPUR, Apr 23: Rabies, a fatal virus disease caused by mad dog-bite, claimed 10 lives and affected 500 others in the district in the last 6 months. reports UNB.

Local people alleged that about 200 people who were affected by rabid dogs bite in the last two months could not be given any anti-rabis vaccine due to its scarcity in the hospitals and health complexes. The vaccine available in the

local markets is being sold at a very high price which is beyond the reach of the common

Sources said minimum demand of ARV in the district is more than 100 courses but only 4 to 5 courses were supplied to the authorities. Another report adds:

Farmers in the district have

lost their interest in Irri-Boro

cultivation this year due to

price hike of chemical fertil-

izer, pesticides and fuel.

Taka 2250. Low yield of crops s due mainly to indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers by the ignorant farmers, he added. Farmers said that if the price of rice remained incon-

sistent with its production cost, it would discourage the irri-borro cultivation to a great extent hampering the production target of the district.

## Fire renders 6 families homeless

thana recently, reports BSS. Eye-witnesses said the fire

Sources said four cows, to death.

# Four workshops,

Apr 23: Four workshops and at the mintbus terminal in the

The fire originating from a On information, firemen

(22). Jahed (23) and Jahangir Bangla Medical College Hospital

financial help for their early

3, Kumarkhali-4, Khoksha-1, A report from Feni says: About 20 people were injured, cight seriously, in a clash between two rival factions of JCD

pus, the, other faction

Of the injured, Abdul Momin (18), Md Mainuddin (18), Md Alif Khan (20), Syed Ahmed (19), Harunor Rashid (20). Arifur Rahman(20) and

President, Azizur Rahman, MP,

GS and Advocate Ershad Alf

ration of the three alliances.

Barrister Mia said none of

Awami League, Five-Party

Alliance and BNP had sought

Ctg hotel owners

to observe

48-hr strike

Chittagong City Hotel and

Restaurant Owners' Association

will observe 48 hours strike on

April 28 and 29 to press home

its six point demands includ-

ing rationalisation of VAT real

isation from hotels and restau-

General Secretary of the as-

sociation Mominul Hug alleged

at a press conference here to-

mental officers were sealing

hotel and restaurant for what

he said non-payment of exces-

sive Value Added Tax fixed by

the officers. He demanded un-

locking of a hotel at

killers of a hotel owner at

in consultation with the asso-

day that concerned depart

rants, reports BSS.

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CHITTAGONG, Apr 23:

Referring to the joint decla-

Esha Organising Secretary.

dreams of liberation war RAJSHAHI, Apr 23: Works Ekhlaq Hossain elected people's mandate in the last election for implementing it. Each party sought people's

> mandate with the own programme. Criticising a political party, the Minister said "an evil force does not want democracy and a sound economy to be estab-

> lished in the country". "They killed democracy through establishing one-party

> Mia said the spirit of liberation war was to establish democracy, ensure economic growth and basic human rights, but the post-liberation government first destroyed the

spirit of the liberation war. The BNP government is relentlessly trying to materialise the dreams of independence war, he said.

Pointing to the shattered economy inherited by the government just after resumption of power, the minister said the government was determined to revive the economy. Due to pursuance of pragmatic policy, 27 per cent internal resources have been mobilised in the current revenue budget, he

Khatunganj and arrest of the He called upon the opposition parties and the people to cooperate with the government in implementing the He also called for fixation of VAT for hotel and restaurants programmes aimed at attaining progress and prosperity of the

BARISAL: Juvenile artists are seen who participated at a painting contest held at local Press Club on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh.