

District roundup

BUNDBARAN

One chopped to death

Apr 24: A man was chopped to death at Kallirjiri village in Alikadam thana of the district allegedly by his wife on Saturday, reports UNB.

Police quoting villagers said the victim Korban Ali (28) married Hasina Begum a few months ago but Hasina could not accept the marriage as she had an alleged affair with a youth.

Hasina along with her lover attacked him on the fateful night with deadly weapons and killed him brutally, villagers said.

On the basis of a complaint, police arrested Hasina Begum along with two others. Further investigation is on.

NARAIL

Minor boy drowned

Apr 24: A five-year-old boy drowned in a pond near Narail Judge's court here on Monday, reports BSS.

Eye witnesses said the victim, Tayeb Ali, son of Abdul Majid of village Dhunda under Narail Sadar Thana came to the district town with his father. His father was witnessing the hearing of a case and Tayeb was playing near the pond. He slipped into the pond and died.

NAOGAON

Newly constructed PTI Academy Buldg inaugurated

Apr 24: The newly constructed Primary Training Institute Academy Building was inaugurated at a simple ceremony recently, reports UNB.

Deputy Director of Rajshahi Division Primary Education Directorate, Abdul Hye Chowdhury inaugurated the function.

The academy building constructed at a cost of Taka 9 lakh was completed by facilities department.

Superintendent of the local

COX'S BAZAR

56 Rohingya refugees flee from camp

Apr 24: Fifty-six Rohingya refugees fled from Balukhal camp-2 in Ukhiya thana, officials said on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Of them, six were named as accused in a criminal case, they said.

About 10,000 Rohingya Muslims have been living in Balukhal camp-2 since influx of the refugees from Burma into Bangladesh in December, 1991.

SATKHIRA

Indian skin worth Tk 4 lakh seized

Apr 24: BDR personnel seized 670 pieces of Indian skin worth Taka 4 lakhs from a passenger bus in Suvasoni Bazar of Tala thana here Thursday, reports UNB.

Police on a tip raided the bus running on the Khulna-Satkhira route and seized the banned goods.

The skins were handed over to the local customs and a case has been filed with Tala police in this connection.

SHERPUR

School student run over by truck

Apr 24: One school student was run over by a truck at Nandir Bazar on Sherpur-Januapur road under Sadar thana recently, reports BSS.

Eye witnesses said that one Akram Ali a student of class seven of Munshirahar High School was run over by a truck. He died on the spot.

A case was registered in this connection. Police sent the body to sadar hospital for postmortem.

FARIDPUR

Young man electrocuted

Apr 24: One young man was electrocuted Tuesday night in the Topakhola area of this town, reports BSS.

According to a hospital source, Abdul Malak (24), a rice trader died instantly when his CI sheet-built shop was electrified due to snapping of overhead electricity line which fell on the shop.

The cause of sudden snapping of live electricity line is yet to be ascertained.

BARISAL

Short film festival held

Apr 24: A four-day short film festival was held at the Barisal Medical College auditorium last week, reports UNB.

A total of 20 short and documentary films including 'Stop Genocide', 'Hulla', 'Kathak', 'Abarian' and 'Innocent Millions' were screened in the festival.

Medicine Club, an academic and social organisation of the college, arranged the festival which began on April 15.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia offering munajat after inauguration of the newly constructed Pirojpur district Judge Court Bhavan on April 18. —PID photo

**Reckless driving, deplorable road condition
Bus journey hazardous on routes from Narail**

NARAIL, Apr 24: Reckless driving, overloading of buses, realisation of exorbitant fare and deplorable condition of the roads have made the journey hazardous for the daily passengers on Narail-Jessore and Narail-Khulna routes for quite a long time, reports UNB.

The drivers drive their vehicles at high speed causing frequent accidents. Most of them are illiterate and do not know the traffic rules at all. Besides, many of them do not have valid driving licences. To avoid the legal action in case of accidents sometimes they use false names and addresses.

Moreover, the bus conductors realise fare from the passengers at an exorbitant rate. If the passengers do not comply with their demand they used to misbehave with them. In some cases passengers are forced to get down from the buses in the midway.

Local people alleged that the drivers do not follow the time-table at all to run their vehicles. The distance from

Narail to Jessore is only 21 miles. But sometimes the drivers take much time to reach the destination because of their frequent interval at different points of the road to take more passengers.

Most of the buses playing on the roads are in deplorable conditions. And often face engine troubles on their way causing untold suffering to the people. For this the passengers sometimes are to for hours together.

Besides, the number of passengers in the roads have been increasing with the rapid growth of population but the authority has not introduced new buses to meet the growing demand.

Local people urged the concerned authorities to take proper steps immediately to ensure safe journey of the passengers.

The Ruppang bazar under the Narail Paurasava is beset with manifold problems causing suffering to the buyers and sellers.

Insufficient accommoda-

tion, unplanned drainage system, poor condition of roads, haphazard growth of roadside shops and irregular clearance of garbages causing suffering to the traders and buyers.

The bazar within the municipal area has not been expanded with the growth of population. Meanwhile, roads and lanes of the bazar have developed cracks and potholes at many points causing problem to the people.

The condition of the fish market is quite deplorable. The buyers are facing difficulties due to lack of proper sanitation facilities. Filth and garbages are seen here and there as there is no arrangement for regular cleaning causing health hazards.

Besides, people are also suffering much for want of proper drainage system in the bazar. Many parts of the bazar go under water after a slight rainfall.

Local people urged the authorities to take immediate measures to solve the problems.

13 killed in road accidents

PABNA, Apr 24: Five people including a policeman were killed in separated incidents in the district, police said Wednesday, reports UNB.

According to police, Mowammel Haq (55) of west Tengri in Ishurdi thana was killed by his son Rajab Ali over land dispute on Friday.

Ahmed Ali (50) was killed in a clash between two rival groups in Dadpur village in the same thana on the same day.

A police constable Abdul Jalil (30) died when he suddenly fell down from the Harding Bridge during his patrol duty on Thursday.

In another incident Earsad Ali (50) was killed by some miscreants at Pabna Hospital on April 14.

One Anwara Khatun (30) of Narayanpur in Bera thana drowned in the river Jamuna while she was taking her bath on Friday.

Five separate cases were filed with the police.

Another message add: The fatal thalassaemia disease claimed three children and attacked over 50 others in the last few days, unofficial sources said.

The victims were identified as Krisna (2) of Mandalpara, Nisha (1) daughter of MD Mostafa Satez of Radanagar and Alim (2) of Singnapara.

Doctors said thalassaemia, a hereditary disorder of the blood causing anaemia, sometimes fatal for children, has broken out in some parts of the district a few months back.

They said the disease so far killed 25 children.

Comilla

Another report from Comilla says: Three people were killed and several others injured when a severe tornado lashed Uttarda and Khila unions of Laksam thana and Uda union of Barura thana.

According to a delayed information the tornado hit the area on the night of April 10, damaged standing crops and uprooted many trees. Several houses were also damaged rendering many people homeless.

Two people were killed and six other injured in house collapse in Chaitinpar Bazar. Another man was killed in Adda union when a tree fell down on his house.

Another report adds: The biennial conference of the Choudhagram thana unit of non-government secondary school teachers association was held Sunday with Abdul Kashem in the chair.

A 15-member executive committee for the next two years was elected with Md Hanif and Shamsul Haq as its president and secretary respectively.

Sirajganj

Another report from Sirajganj states: A day-labourer was killed and 11 people were injured when they fell down from the rooftop of a running bus at Pachhia in Sadar on Bogra-Sirajganj road on Wednesday morning.

Witnesses said a bus of Sathi

Enterprise was carrying some 20 passengers on its rooftop. Eleven of them fell down when they were hit by the branches of a roadside tree at 9 am.

The dead was identified as Abu Taher (30), son of Munsoor Ali of Shongacha village in Sadar thana. Two seriously injured were rushed to Sadar Hospital.

A case has been filed with Sirajganj police.

Jhenidah

Another report from Jhenidah says: A farmer was hacked to death in village Kurmarbaria of Sadar thana of the district on Monday night.

Police said armed assailants numbering 8 to 9 entered the house of the victim Azimuddin (45) and slaughtered him in his room. The assailants fled the scene immediately.

Police suspected that previous enmity might be the reason behind the brutal killing. A case has been filed with the police.

Another report from Satkhira adds: Three young-men were arrested in Kaliganj thana of the district on Tuesday while they were taking preparation for committing dacoity.

Police said Shaful Islam Khan (22) of Purbanarayanpur, Rabul Islam (25) of Satpur and Wadud (24) of Ratanpur of Kaliganj thana were arrested from Bazargram Rohimpur road. Police dagger from their possession.

A case has been filed and the accused were sent to jail custody.

Notes from Comilla

COMILLA, Apr 24: A 25-member executive committee of the Jalalabad Association was elected for the next two years at its biennial meeting held here last week, reports UNB.

Ruhul Hossain and Ziaul Hasan were elected President and General Secretary of the association.

The meeting was presided over by Vice President of the Association Nargis Sultana.

The meeting also condoled the deaths of Additional Session Judge Moddabir Hussain and Advocate Sunil Kumar, members of the association.

One gets 5 yrs RI for smuggling

Additional Session Judge Court and anti-smuggling tribunal sentenced an accused to five years rigorous imprisonment for smuggling in a judgement here Tuesday.

The Court found the accused Abdur Rashid guilty under the Special Power Act, 1974 and convicted him.

He was fined Taka 2,000 and in default to suffer two more months RI.

Additional Session Judge AKM Istiaq Hussain delivered the verdict.

The case in brief was acting on a tip Burichang police went to Rajapur village and recovered some gunny bags with 900 bottles of phenisidol syrup worth Taka 31.5 thousand.

Police arrested Abdur Rashid while fleeing the spot.

After investigation police charged against him.

Dacoit nabbed

Bangladesh Rifles nabbed an alleged dacoit from village Ghilatali of Burichang thana of the district on Friday.

BDR sources said a patrol party of Shankuchal BOP on hearing a sound of gun fire from a house of the village rushed to the spot and caught one of the dacoits with a pipe-gun.

The dacoits stormed the house to commit a dacoity. BDR jawans managed to catch one dacoit while others fled away.

The dacoit was identified as Manirul Islam (21), son of Ayet

8 SSC examinee expelled in Lalmonirhat

LALMONIRHAT, Apr 24: Eight SSC candidates were expelled from different examination centres of the district Monday, reports UNB.

Officials said three candidates each were expelled from Lalmonirhat sadar and Barabari centres, and one each from Aditmar and Kaliganj centres.

Police arrested Asadul Haibib Sultan, an expelled private examinee, from the Sadar centre on charge of drug addiction.

51 cyclone-hit families get house

JAMALPUR, Apr 24: Fifty-one tinshed houses valued at Taka 7,65,000 were distributed free of cost among the cyclone affected families of Sarsahabari thana recently, reports BSS.

The house building project was jointly taken up by the Bangladesh Social Welfare Bureau and EDM, a Swiss non-government organisation.

Abdus Salam Talukder, Secretary General of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperative Minister formally handed over the houses at a simple ceremony held at Sarsahabari Sonali Bank premises.

People round up miscreant with rifle

JHENIDAH, Apr 24: Local people caught a miscreant and recovered one rifle with 3 rounds of bullets from his possession at Bashudebpur village in Sadar thana on Monday, reports UNB.

Police said, the villagers arranged an arbitration against the alleged miscreant Kabir of the village for his involvement with various crimes. Kabir did not appear at the arbitration and allegedly threatened to fail the arbitration bid.

77 students expelled in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Apr 24: Seventy seven students of 35 centres in Chittagong district were expelled Monday for adopting unfair means in the examination halls on the first day of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination, reports BSS.

According to district control room, 42,827 students are appearing at the examination at 35 centres, 242 candidates were absent.

Muslims urged to follow tenets of Islam

CHITTAGONG, Apr 24: A two-day International Sunni Conference began at Dampara Jamiatul Falah Maidan here Thursday with a call to restore and uphold the glorious part of the Muslim Ummah, reports BSS.

The conference, being held under the auspices of Ahle Sunnat Sanghat Sangstha (ASSS), was inaugurated by Allama Syed Ahmed Safer Shah, an eminent pir from Pakistan. Khatib of Jamiatul Falah Masjid Maulana Jalaluddin Chowdhury presided over the inaugural session.

Maulana Amir Ali Shah Kazemi, Prof Salimullah Al-Oishi, both from Pakistan, Maulana Aminul Islam Ilishahem of Anjuman, Forest and Fisheries Minister Abdullah Al Noman and Chittagong City Mayor Mir Muhammad Nasiruddin also addressed it.

The speakers called upon the Muslims to practise and follow the Islamic tenets in their day-to-day life by taking inspiration from the Khulafa-e-Rashideen. They said, Muslims have deviated from the true path of Islam and such they have been oppressed and suppressed in many parts of the world we have forgotten our glorious past and created discussion among us on petty matters bringing sufferings for ourselves, they added.

The speakers also called upon the Muslim Ummah to forge unity to face problems before them.

A report from Khulna says Bangladesh Rifles recovered Indian smuggled goods worth about Taka 7 lakh from a trawler in a raid at Kurikoni launch ghāt in Asashuni thana of Satkhira district early today (Monday), officials here said.

Need for decentralisation of power stressed

KHULNA, Apr 24: Democratic Forum convener Dr Kamal Hossain Thursday urged all to unite to free the country from what he termed the "staggering socio-economic and political crisis," reports UNB.

He said the people sacrificed a lot to make the country independent and self-reliant, but got nothing in twenty years of independence.

He was addressing a discussion meeting at a local cinema hall here Thursday as part of his country-wide tour before the much talked grand national conference where he was likely to float a new party.

Kamal Hossain said a pragmatic programme will be taken in the conference by applying the wisdom and knowledge gathered over the years which will usher a bright prospect for the future of the country.

Referring to the deteriorating law and order situation, clashes in various educational

institutions, the ever increasing unemployment crisis and population boom, the forum convener said the country at present is beset with anarchy, indiscipline and despondency.

"The country should get rid of the situation," he said urging all patriotic pro-liberation forces to come forward unitedly forgetting all conflicts to save the country.

Presided over by Advocate Enayet Ali, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Sheikh Abdul Aziz, Barrister Amirul Islam, Advocate Zahurul Islam, Rabiya Seraj, A U Ahmed, Advocate Kazi Salam and Mazharul Haque Baki.

The Speakers at the meeting stressed on the need for decentralisation of power, and said that power should not be confined in one hand.

They urged the government to ensure institutionalisation of democracy, terrorism free society and rule of law.



MADARIPUR: The Shibchar-Madaripur road is in pitiable condition which needs immediate repair. —Star photo

'Work for national uplift'

KISHOREGONJ, Apr 24: Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Mirza Gohar Hafiz said here on Sunday that implementation of 19-point programmes of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had become indispensable to sustain the spontaneous support given to BNP government in the last election, reports BSS.

He called for strengthening the organisational activities of the party at the grass roots level to attain this objective.

The Law and Justice Minister, who is also the senior Vice-President of BNP, was addressing a workers' rally at Kishoregonj Circuit House on Sunday morning.

Presided over by Amiruddin Ahmed MP and convener of district BNP, the workers' rally was also addressed among others by ABM Zahidul Haq, Deputy Minister for Shipping, Major (Retd) Akhteruzaman Ranjan, MP, Maulana Atuar Rahman, MP, and Habibur Rahman, joint convener of district BNP.

Termining the workers as the engineers of the party, Mirza Hafiz called for maintaining the fame and name earned for

the country at home and abroad under the present democratic atmosphere. He also urged the worker and local leaders to rise above all meanness and differences of opinion for the greater interest of the party and the nation. He said that workers have to maintain direct contact with the people and stand by them at times of odds and crisis to enhanced the image of the party among the masses.

BSC opens new feeder service

CHITTAGONG, Apr 22: State Minister for Shipping Haroon-Al Rashid inaugurated the second BSC Feeder Service on Chittagong-Singapore-Chittagong route at a simple ceremony held at the Chittagong Port here today, reports BSS.

Speaking on the occasion the state minister said, with the introduction of the second feeder service, BSC would play a vital role in expediting transportation of export and import cargo of the country and as such it would earn more foreign currency.

Shortage of anti-rabies vaccine acute

MAOURA, Apr 24: Acute shortage of anti-rabies vaccine is prevailing in the district causing suffering to large number of patients, reports UNB.

About a hundred people who were attacked by the rabid dogs in the last two months could not receive anti-rabies vaccine due to its scarcity in the hospitals and health complexes.

Municipal authorities said after repeated appeal to the higher authorities no step has yet been taken to supply the same.

Local people said that the vaccine is rarely available in the open market the price of which is beyond the purchasing capacity of the common people.

Local leaders have urged

the authorities to take necessary steps to supply the vaccine without further delay.

Another report adds: Bangladesh Rural Development Board in Salikha thana disbursed over Taka 1.8 crore as loan among the members of 116 Krishak Samabaya Samities to boost agri-production.

Officials said member of different samabaya samities deposited Taka 10 lakh as their savings with the BRDB.

There are 116 Krishak Samabaya Samities and 23 Distressed Women Samabaya Samities in Salikha thana.

BRDR has recovered Taka 86.10 lakh arrear loan from the loanees in this current season.



GAIBANDHA: Women workers are seen participating a training programme conducted by Gana Unnayan Kendra, a local NGO on village development. —Star photo