

**District roundup**

**JAMALPUR**  
**Immediate release of Manju demanded**

Apr 25: District unit of Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity in a meeting here Friday demanded immediate unconditional release of Anwar Hossain Manju, publisher of daily Ittefaq, reports UNB.

The meeting held at the office of Weekly Jamalpur Friday morning with the Samity Convenor Hafizur Rahman in the chair was attended by local journalists.

Anwar Hossain Manju MP, Vice-President of Jatiya Party, was arrested on Wednesday and given 120 days detention under the Special Powers Act.

**RAJBARI**  
**Two fake SSC examinees held, another 2 flee**

Apr 25: Two fake SSC examinees were arrested and another two fled when examination fraud was detected at the Rajbari Government High School centre on Saturday, reports UNB.

The arrested two were identified as Aminul Islam, a student of Rajbari Government College, and Enamul Hossain, the original SSC candidate, who impersonated each other.

Officials said both the students had filled up examination forms as SSC examinees impersonating each other. Accordingly, Aminul appeared at the examination as Enamul and Enamul as Aminul.

Acting on a tip, the district Magistrate detected the fraud and ordered their arrest.

Another two examinees who also appeared at the examination in the same way managed to flee.

Two cases were filed with the sadar thana.

**KHULNA**  
**Govt BL College closed for five days as tension prevailing**

Apr 25: Classes of the Government BL University College were further suspended Saturday for another five days as tension was prevailing in the campus, reports UNB.

**KUSHIYA**  
**Tk 20 lakh Indian cows seized**

Apr 25: The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel on April 18 seized 190 Indian Hartiana cows worth about Taka twenty lakh from the river Padma, reports BSS.

A BDR press release said the cows were recovered from some trawlers. The BDR deposited the smuggled cows to the office of the Kushiya Customs and Excise.

**LALMONIRHAT**  
**5 hurt as Awami League, Jamaat clash**

Apr 25: Five people were injured, one of them seriously, in a clash between Jamaat and Awami League activists at Kaliganj thana on Friday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said local Jamaat-Islami leaders and workers brought out a procession at 6 pm expressing satisfaction on the restoration of citizenship of Prof Golam Azam by the High Court. At the same time Awami League workers also brought out another procession.

When the two processions came near Kaliganj Health Complex, one group chased another and locked in clashes with lethal weapons.

Five activists from both the groups were injured in the clash of which Alim (35), a Jamaat activist sustained serious injuries.

Tension was prevailing in the locality.

**BRAHMANBARIA**  
**Call to make anti-smuggling drive a success**

Apr 25: State Minister for Shipping Harun-ur-Rashid Thursday called for making that anti-smuggling drive a success to ensure disciplined economic development in the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest a review meeting of district Anti-smuggling and Narcotics Control Committee at the local circuit house. The Deputy Commissioner presided over the meeting.

The state minister termed the smugglers as the enemy of the nation and said, "Everyone should boycott the smugglers socially."

Harun-ur-Rashid said, smuggling is a major barrier for industrialisation and urged the educated and patriotic people to motivate the people towards consumption of locally produced goods.

Earlier, he distributed prizes among the talented students of primary schools of Brahmanbaria sadar thana at a separate function.

**SIRAJGANJ**  
**BDR men asked to refrain from harassment**

Apr 25: Hides and Skin Merchants Association here Friday demanded that the law enforcing agency men refrain from harassing them in the name of recovering Indian hides and skin, reports UNB.

Addressing a press conference at the association office, Secretary of the association Ershadur Rahman Neru said BDR had seized their hides and skin worth about Taka 26 lakh, branding them as Indian, since May 1990.

The seized items were yet to be returned to the merchants, he said urging the government to look into the matter and stop harassment by the law enforcers in the interest of enhancing the volume of export.

President of the association Abdur Razzaq Sheikh and other leaders including Sanwar Hossain and Abul Hashem were present at the press conference.

**NETRAKONA**  
**Works on 11 uplift projects going on**

Apr 25: Works of eleven development projects taken up under Food for Works Programme in three thanas under Netrakona district are going on in full swing, reports BSS.

An official source said five projects were taken up in Barhata, one in Khalajura and five in Purbadhala thana.

The government sanctioned 555 metric tons of wheat for implementation of the projects. The projects included repair and renovation of kutcha roads and construction of Flood Control Embankments, the source said.

**SATKHIRA**  
**One killed in clash**

Apr 25: A man was killed in a clash with his neighbour over the dispute on the ownership of some firewoods at Katia village in Sadar thana on Friday, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Anjad Ali (35) of the same village.

Witnesses said clash ensued when Karim, a neighbour of Anjad Ali claimed the ownership of the firewoods which Anjad objected. At this Karim became furious and hit him with a stick injuring him grievously.

Anjad was rushed to Satkhira hospital where he died after a short while.

A case was filed with the police. None was so far arrested.

**MYMENSINGH**  
**DVM final exam from May 16**

Apr 25: Examinations of DVM Part-1, and DVM Part-3 of Bangladesh Agricultural University for the session 1990 and 1991 held on April 24 and 25 respectively, reports UNB.

The DVM Final examination for the year 1990 under both new and old curricula will begin from May 16.

B Sc Agriculture (Hons) final first carry over and supplementary examinations for the year 1989 will begin on May 9, a BAU press release said.



AGRI-VARSITY(Mymensingh) : A team of experts evaluating the results of BAU - 16 , a newly developed high yielding variety of rice by the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, BAU. — Star photo

**Diarrhoea kills 60, attacks 3100 in last one month**

CHANDPUR, Apr 25 : Diarrhoea has claimed at least 40 lives and attacked about 3,000 people in different areas of Chandpur district during the last one month, an official source said, reports BSS.

According to civil surgeon office source, the worst affected thanas are Haimchar, Chandpur, Matlab, Shaharasti and Kachua.

About 1,000 patients were admitted to Matlab ICDDR,B hospital during the period.

Fiftythree medical teams are working in different affected areas of the district to check the disease, the source said.

Another report from Shepur says: Diarrhoea claimed five lives and attacked about one hundred people in Nalitabari thana till April 17.

Civil surgeon office sources confirmed the death news of three persons.

Paucity of pure drinking water has been the cause of this calamity.

Begum Motta Chowdhury MP stating the diarrhoea situation as alarming urged the authority to take proper step for controlling the disease immediately.

Our Satkhira Correspondent adds: Diarrhoea and chicken pox have broken out in epidemic form in Satkhira district.

According to sources, at least 15 people died of diarrhoea and thousands were attacked with the disease during the last one month.

Chicken pox affected persons are pouring into local health complexes in large number everyday.

Scarcity of pure drinking water and consumption of adulterated food-stuffs were said to be the main reasons behind the outbreak of the diseases, the local physicians said.

Preventive and other necessary drugs are not available at the hospitals, it is alleged.

**One shot dead in Jhenidah**

From Our Correspondent  
JHENIDAH, Apr 25: One person was shot dead in the sadar thana last night.

Reports say, a group of armedmen called Thanu Mia, 32, of village Kungshi out of his house at midnight and shot him dead.

Thanu Mia was a leader of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) local unit and he was wanted by police in connection with several cases filed against him.

Police suspects intraparty conflict to be the reason behind the killing.

**Pests damage 10 pc IRRI-boro paddy in Maulvibazar**

MAULVIBAZAR, Apr 25 : Standing irri and boro paddy on a vast tract of land in the district have been attacked by pests damaging about 10 per cent of paddy, reports UNB.

Farmers said acute scarcity of pesticides is prevailing in the district. Pesticides available in the market are mostly adulterated which is being sold at an exorbitant price.

Local agriculture office sources said that due to lack of sufficient stock they are facing difficulties to check the pest-attack. Local farmers apprehended that if proper steps are not taken to spray insecticides on the affected cropland by the concerned department the production target would be failed this season.

Another report says : The number of primary school going children is decreasing in remote areas of the district day by day due to abject poverty resulting in continued drop out for quite a long time.

A large number of children of remote areas aged between 8 and 12 years are engaged in different petty jobs instead of going schools to maintain their livelihood.

Poverty-stricken farmers are preferring to engage their kids in income generating works like cattle grazing, rickshaw pulling and hotel boy. The children are compelled to take up odd jobs at poor remuneration.

Most of the marginal or landless farmers in the district have sprung up beside the roads and lanes causing problems to the movement of pedestrians and vehicles.

Most of the hotels are dirty and devoid of necessary hygienic conditions. Hundreds of people coming from rural areas to the town and sadar thana headquarters for different purposes have to go these hotels for their meals.

**One killed, Tk 8 lakh property gutted in 36 fire incidents**

LALMONIRIAT, Apr 25: A man was killed and property worth about Taka 8 lakh destroyed in 36 fire incidents in the district in the last three months, reports UNB.

Fire service sources said property worth about Taka 1.25 lakh was gutted in nine fire incidents in the month of January, property worth about Taka 1.22 lakh was destroyed in 10 fires in February and a man was roasted alive and another one injured and property worth about Taka 5.50 lakh was charred in 17 fire incidents.

The sources said the firemen could not reach the three fire incidents after receiving the information due to bad communication system.

**Notes from Kishoreganj**

From Our Correspondent  
KISHOREGANJ, Apr 25: A group of miscreants snatched away an arrested accused person and injured a police officer and eight constables when they went to arrest two wanted persons from the village Kadamehal recently.

According to reports, the miscreants backed by villagers attacked the police when they raided village Kadamehal under Austagram thana to arrest two wanted persons Abdul Quddus and Harun. On receiving the information Abdul Quddus managed to escape but police was able to nab Harun.

When the arrest news of Harun spread, a group of miscreants attacked the police with pipe gun, ramdao, daggers, bamboo sticks and other lethal weapons and snatched away the arrested Harun from the police custody. The injured police including SI Quamruzzaman were admitted to Austagram Thana Hospital.

**One killed, three hurt in clash**

One person was killed and three other were injured in a clash between two groups of people at village Panchruki in Nandail thana recently.

The dead was identified as Abdul Kadir (65).

According to a report, the clash ensued following an altercation between two groups of neighbours on a trifling matter. Of the injured, Hazrat Ali was admitted into Mymensingh Medical College Hospital in a critical condition while the rest two were admitted into Nandail Thana Health Complex. The body was sent to the Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital for postmortem.

A case was lodged with Nandail police station in this connection and police investigation is going on.

**Miscreants kidnap girl**

A 16-year-old girl was kidnapped by a group of miscreants from Nathpara in Nandail thana recently.

According to report, the miscreants stormed the house of one Jagadish in the evening and took Jaba Rani, daughter of the house owner at gunpoint. The miscreants also hit the wife and the mother of the house owner with knives. They were later admitted into Nandail Thana Health Complex.

A case has been registered with Nandail thana but no body has yet been arrested so far in this connection. Investigation is in progress.

**Female edn hampered**

Female education is being seriously hampered in the town due to absence of hostel facilities for the girl student.

The district town which has four colleges — two government and two non-government for higher education, three girls high schools, four high schools for co-education with about 4,500 girls students. But there are no residential accommodation facilities for them.

The guardians send their wards to the town for higher and better education in these institutions. But they are facing difficulties due to absence of hostel facilities. Most of the guardians have to arrange accommodation for their daughters in their relations' houses.

People of the district have demanded early construction of two hostels for girl students without further delay in the town.

**Traffic jam frequent at Madaripur**

MADARIPUR, Apr 25: Frequent traffic jam in different parts of the district town has become a common feature causing much inconvenience to the pedestrians and vehicular movement for quite a long time, reports UNB.

Plying of large number of rickshaws, unplanned parking of vehicles in busy areas and unauthorised occupation of footpaths by small traders create frequent traffic jam in the town.

Local people alleged that only a limited number of rickshaws playing on the road have valid licences while more than 1,600 rickshaws ply on the road without licence.

The situation aggravates when rickshaws coming from adjacent areas of the town play on the roads as per their whims. They have no knowledge of traffic rules.

Besides, most of the footpaths in the town are occupied by vendors and small traders creating frequent traffic jam in the town. The small traders who used to come from the nearby areas of the town sit on the narrow-roads to sell their products on regular basis.

During the office hours, the traffic jam becomes so acute that school going children face a lot of problems to cross the road for attending their schools. Sometimes, the little boys and girls are to wait for minutes together on the footpaths in helpless condition.

Local people urged the concerned authority to look into the matter and take proper steps immediately to mitigate the sufferings of the people.

Another reports adds: A total of 214 posts of primary school teachers in Madaripur and Shariatpur districts are lying vacant for quite a long time hampering the education of the children.

Of the total posts, 16 have been lying vacant in Sadar, 11 in Kalkini, three in Shibchar and 11 in Rajoir thanas of Madaripur district while seven posts have been lying vacant in Sadar, 21 in Zanjira, 29 in Goshairhat, 55 in Bhederganj and 51 in Noria thanas of Shariatpur district, officials said.

Moreover, local people alleged that most of the teachers do not discharge their duties with sincerity. They come to school just to sign their attendance.

**103 Sharbahara party men, 290 others arrested**

BARISAL, Apr 25: Barisal district police arrested 393 persons including 103 Sharbahara Party members on various charges during the last three and a half months from ten thanas of Barisal district, a police source said, reports BSS.

Police also recovered 17 fire arms, 34 rounds of ammunition of different fire arms, two bayonets, 11 cocktails and 21 hand bombs during the period.

Of the total, there are two rifles, one double barrel gun, one one-barrel cut gun, one revolver, 11 pipe guns, and one air gun.

Anisur Rahman Khan, Police Super, Barisal said that a special drive had been launched by the Barisal police to combat the miscreants from different parts of the district since January last.

Another report says: Ten persons were injured, three of them seriously and property worth Taka several lakh were burnt to ashes in a fire at Band Road here on Thursday.

The fire originated from electric short-circuit gutted five commercial establishments.

The Fire-brigade rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control.

Hakim (22), Jahangir (23), and Jahed (25) were admitted to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital with severe burnt injuries.

Meanwhile: A three-day Baishakhi Mela was held at Kashiur here to mark the Bangla new year 1400.

Besides, Udichi arranged a two-day Baishakhi Mela on the occasion.

Barisal Press Club and Family Planning Department organised painting competition for children at Aswini Kumar Town Hall premises: Sixtyfour children took part in the painting competition.



JHENIDAH: Children are enjoying 'Nagordola' (merry-go-round), a traditional game on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh. — Star photo

**Catching of fish fry unabated in Kurigram**

From Our Correspondent  
KURIGRAM, Apr 25: Catching of fish fries has been going on throughout Kurigram district for a long time, accentuating the current crisis in fish production.

It is learnt that a class of racketeers under the garb of fishermen, are robbing the district of its vital resource of fish — ruihi, katal, chital, boal and other varieties — are being netted at random before the grow to size 3 to 5 inches. Under the existing rules, they must measure at least 9 inches before being caught. Scores of fish-haulers are found selling fish fries below the fixed size openly in the markets of Kurigram, Ulipur, Chilmari, Rowmari, Rajshpur, Nagawari, Bihurungamari, Fulbari, and Rajarhat thanas. Some times, they sell their catch direct to villagers.

This rampant catching of fish fries, it is further learnt, has added a new dimension to the fish crisis and negated all efforts of fishery development in the district. Besides, the fish output has alarmingly shrunk in the fish-yielding areas.

It is alleged that vigilance against illegal catching of fish fries is very lax and no punitive action against violators of law is taken by concerned authorities despite reports received by them.

It may be mentioned here that the district has passed through two successive outbreaks of fish epidemic, resulting in depletion of fish resources and during the last unprecedented flood, many fishes escaped from water reservoirs into surrounding areas and thus were lost.

The people have urged the authorities concerned to take due note of the situation and launch a vigorous drive to eradicate the fish racketeers in the interest of unabated fishery development in the district.