

**District roundup**

**JHENIDAH**

**BDR seizes 46 Indian Haryana cows**

May 26: Bangladesh Rifles seized 46 Indian 'Haryana' cows worth about Tk 5.40 lakh from bordering areas of Chuadanga and Jhenidah districts Friday, official sources here said, reports UNB.

According to BDR 13 battalion of Chuadanga, the high breed cows were seized in two separate raids. Twenty-three cows were seized from Jibannagar of Chuadanga district and another 23 from Kotchandpur area of Jhenidah district.

Nobody was arrested in this connection and the seized cows were kept in Chuadanga BDR camp.

Another message from Satkhira adds: Bangladesh Rifles seized Indian sarces and utensils worth about Tk 50,000 from a place near Paukhali bridge in Kaliganj thana of the district Saturday, official sources here said.

The BDR 22 battalion of Satkhira district raided the spot and seized the contraband items.

**JAMALPUR**

**Cyclone damages 400 houses, 500 acres of land**

May 26: About 400 thatched houses and standing crops on about 500 acres of land were damaged by cyclone which swept over two unions under sadar thana Tuesday night, reports BSS.

Dawlatuzzaman, chairman, Dikpayit union said at least 150 kutcha houses were damaged and standing crops on 100 acres of land were damaged in his union. The paddy, he said, could be harvested in a week.

**MANIKGANJ**

**Publication ceremony of Ranjan Saha's book held**

May 26: The publication ceremony of poet Ranjan Saha's collection of poems 'Ajker Chhara-Ek' was held recently at Jhitka Girls School, reports BSS.

Abdur Rashid Bhuiyan, Manager, Agrani Bank, Jhitka branch presided over the function. Shamim Hazari, poet Ranjan Saha, Shahinur Rahman Jali and Shahidul Haq Rumi participated in the discussion.

The publication ceremony was rounded off with a musical soiree and cultural function presented by the local 'Loko Shilpi Dal'.

**GAIBANDHA**

**Dacoits kill one, injure seven**

May 26: Dacoits shot dead a young man and injured seven others two seriously when they were chased by the neighbouring people at Natunhat area of Badiakhali Union in sadar thana on Friday night, reports UNB.

The robbers looted cash and valuables worth about Tk two lakh from the houses of Harimohan Saha and Balai Saha.

According to witnesses while the armed dacoits were retreating after committing dacoity, the villagers started chasing them and at one stage the miscreants opened fire at them killing Hiran (25) son of Tofazzal of village Refayetur of Badiakhali union on the spot.

Seriously injured Naimuddin (28) and Ferdous Ahmed (27) were admitted to Gaibandha Sadar Hospital. They received bullet injuries and their condition was stated to be critical.

**COMILA**

**Founding anniversary of "Useful Friends Society" observed**

May 26: The 12th founding anniversary of the "Useful Friends Society" was observed here Friday through a colourful function, reports UNB.

The inaugural session, held at District Council Hall, was presided over by Nazrul Islam Babul while Deputy Commissioner Katebur Rahman and Haroon-ul-Haq were present as chief and special guests respectively.

A large number of society members and local people attended the function. The speakers urged the workers of the society to engage themselves in nation building activities to help establish a society free from all sorts of exploitation.

**BARISAL**

**Cattle, dairy farm to be set up at Babuganj**

May 26: Cattle and dairy farm will be established at Babuganj thana under Barisal district at a cost of Taka twelve crore, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the government has acquired over 50 acres of land for the implementation of the project in the current fiscal year.

The farm, largest in the area will have a large number of foreign cows, modern machines for butter production, cheese production machines and other packaging arrangements for dairy product, the source said.

**MAGURA**

**Minor girl kidnapped, violated**

May 26: A minor girl was kidnapped and violated by a gang of miscreants at Mondolghati village of Mohamadpur thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police said the armed miscreants entered the house of one Jamir Ali and forcibly took his daughter Thanda Khatun (12) to a nearby field at gun point and violated her one after another.

Local people recovered her in an unconscious state and removed her to Mohammadpur health complex. Her condition was stated to be critical.

A case has been filed with the local police.

**RAJSHAHI**

**JCD brings out procession on release of Bablu**

May 26: Leader and activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Sunday brought out a procession on the campus defying a ban on demonstrations and rallies till May 25, reports UNB.

The JCD procession was brought out at about 12 noon on the occasion of release of its Varsity Unit Organising Secretary Babul Akhter Bablu who was set free from jail on Saturday.

Some 300 students participated in the procession.

The university re-opened on May 8 after three months of un-scheduled closure. The campus was closed on February 6 following violent clashes that left five students killed and some 200 injured.

Meanwhile, two Shibir activists who were arrested on February 6, were released on bail Sunday. They are: Selim Azad and Khairul Bashar.

**CHUADANGA**

**Five alleged terrorists arrested**

From Our Correspondent  
May 26: Five alleged terrorists of Chuadanga town were arrested by the Chuadanga thana police recently.

The alleged terrorists are Golam Faruk (28) Md Javed Hossain (23), Bipul Hossain Joarder (21), Sukur Ali (34) and Olliar (30).

According to Chuadanga thana police the said arrested persons were involved in toll collection, theft, robbery, dacoity and anti-social activities.

The police is apprehending that the arrested persons are connected with the armed gang of Sarbahara Party.

It may be noted here that the police has been launching an anti-crime drive in the district for the last few days.

**HABIGANJ**

**Two held for anti-state activities**

May 26: Two people were taken before the sadar thana Magistrate Court on Sunday for their alleged involvement in anti-state activities, reports UNB.

They were identified as Md Rahmat Ali of Mirpur area of Dhaka city and Sheikh Mahiuddin Jabeed of village Chandpur in Rupsha thana of Khulna.

According to police they were caught red-handed while distributing anti-state hand bills in public near Circuit House in the town Saturday.

The hand bill was captioned as 'Brihattara Bangla Mission' containing some slogans for a greater Bangladesh. Police also recovered some other documents from their possession.



MYMENSINGH: The Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah-Al-Noman speaking as chief guest in the installation ceremony of Shahid Shamsul Haque Hall Union (1990-91) of Bangladesh Agricultural University recently held at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin auditorium. —Star photo

**Diarrhoea claims 74 lives in Sylhet, Sirajganj**

SYLHET, May 26: At least 70 persons had been died of diarrhoea in different areas of Beanibazar and Balaganj thanas under Sylhet and Jagannathpur and Tahirpur thanas under Sunamganj districts during the last few weeks. Unofficial sources claimed the casualty of 200.

Besides more than 2,000 others had also been suffering from the different diarrhoeal diseases in the said thanas.

The affected thanas, severely hit by the floods this year had also been lacking necessary supply of medicines in the government hospital and Health Complexes, it is alleged.

In Balaganj thana 25 persons including 16 children died of diarrhoea. The affected areas are in Dewanbazar, Sherpur, Goalabazar, Omarpur, Burunga and Pashchim Pailanpur. There is an acute scarcity of Oral Saline and

other medicines in the Balaganj Thana Health Complex for a long. Everyday, a large number of people are not getting proper medicines and treatments in the hospital, it is reported.

In Beanibazar thana, ten persons died of diarrhoea during the last two weeks.

The diseases had been spreading in different villages of the thana sharply, local people alleged. The Chairman of Dubag Union Parishad handed over a written complaint to the Civil Surgeon stating the miserable state of the health department's activities in the area. He also urged for sending special medical teams to the badly affected areas immediately. Another memorandum was also handed over to the Thana Nirbahi Officer of Beanibazar in this regard ear-

lier.

In Jagannathpur and Tahirpur thanas of Sunamganj district, 35 persons died of diarrhoea. Everyday, a good number of people are being attacked by the diseases. The badly affected areas are in Asharkandi and Jagannathpur unions of Jagannathpur thana.

UNB From Sirajganj adds: Diarrhoea claimed four lives and attacked 50 others at four villages in Kazipur thana in the last 24 hours.

The victims were identified as Santu Bala (48) wife of Sree Naryan of West Patgram, Afzal Hossain (50) of Singabari,

Rahmunnessa (52) of Kinarder and Solaiman (8) of Decreed-oroata.

Local doctors attributed that the outbreak of the disease due to sudden hot spell, consumption of adulterated food and malnutrition.

From Our Correspondent

Two housewives committed suicide in Kuliarchar and Austagram thana recently.

Nastima Khatun (22), a divorcee of village Faridpur in Kuliarchar thana took poison recently.

A 19-year old woman named Jagat Tara wife of Surja Kumar Das of village Alalpur in Austagram thana hanged herself with the branch of a tree recently. The causes behind both the suicides could not be known.

Two separate UD cases were registered with respective police stations in this connection. Both the bodies were sent to Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital for post-mortem.

**Dacoits loot valuables**

A group of armed miscreants attacked the house of one Shamsul Alam of village Salangka in Pakundia thana of the district in a broad day light recently.

According to report, the miscreants beat up the inmates of the house, looted valuables and set the kitchen on fire. The villagers later chased the miscreants and recovered one country made pipe-gun from one of them. The pipe-gun was later handed over to the Pakundia police. The incident is believed to be a sequel to a previous enmity.

A case was registered with Pakundia police station in this connection.

**Publication ceremony held**

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A total of 50 students took part in the competition. Later the chief guest distributed prizes among the winners.

**Two get 7 yrs RI for dacoity**

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The court found 10 persons not guilty and acquitted them of the charge.

According to the prosecution, on the night of December 16, 1990, a gang of armed dacoits knocked the door of one Obaidul Karim of village Salua under Kuliarchar thana and identified themselves as police personnel. As soon as, the door was opened, the dacoits forced their way into the house and beat up the inmates. They looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuables worth Taka 58,650. Police later arrested Bachchu Miah who confessed his guilty before the Magistrate.

**Notes from Kishoreganj**

From Our Correspondent  
KISHOREGANJ, May 26: The body of Mati Mia (35) of village Barchara in Kuliarchar thana of the district, an under trial accused person in a dacoity case was recovered by the Kuliarchar police recently.

The body was found in a pump machine house near a paddy field about two miles away from his house.

An UD case was registered with Kuliarchar police station in this connection. Later, the body was sent to the morgue of Kishoreganj sadar hospital for post-mortem.

**School boy killed in road mishap**

Awlad Hossain Khan (12), a student of class VI of Hasmatuddin High School of Kishoreganj town was killed in a road accident at Perabhangra under sadar thana recently.

According to allegation and witnesses, a truck (bearing No Dhaka E-345) hit Awlad Hossain from behind who was riding a bi-cycle resulting in instantaneous death. Awlad was the only son of his parents.

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**Across the Country**

**Saving a century-old institution**

From Ashit Chowdhury

The century-old Victoria High School of Sirajganj town is under fathoms of problems. It was established in 1898 after the name of Queen Victoria, the then Queen of England and Empress of India, on the occasion of 50 years of her rule.

The school was recognised by the Calcutta University in 1900. The Queen of England donated 32 volumes of Encyclopaedia for the school library. The physical infrastructure of the school includes 15 classrooms, headmaster's office, teacher's commonroom, library, laboratory, play ground, pond and hostel on 4.33 acres of land.

In 1919, the then Zamindar Amrita Lal Sinha Chowdhury constructed the Motilal Bhaban of the school. Then in 1933, Roy Bahadur Kalidas Chowdhury, Zaminder of Shohagpur, constructed a magnificent looking building in memory of his departed son Gopal Chowdhury, which has changed very little during the last 60 years. The south-facing Gopal Memorial Hall and the west-facing Motilal Bhaban need immediate repair. The buildings are now in a precarious condition and may collapse any time causing harm to lives and property. Plants have

umes of Victorian 'Encyclopaedia, History of the world and a number of English translations of the Holy Quran. The number of books are insufficient for about 750 students from class III to X. Some rare collection of the library were looted by the occupying army in 1971 during the glorious Liberation War.

Mr. Brojendra Lal Roy and Mr. Shrish Chandra Roy were the founding secretary and the founding headmaster of the school respectively. A considerable number of renowned personalities once read in Victoria High School. They include Dr. G. R. Hilali, former central Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Abdullah-Al-Mahmood, former Principal of Dhaka College, Professor Abul Hossain, Mathematician Mr. Nafiq Kanta Chakrabarty, a Professor of California University, S M Mahbubul Alam, Political Scientist Maniruzzaman Talukder, Scientist Dr. Kudrat-e-Khuda, Dr. Lutfar Rahman, Economist Dr. Solaiman Hossain Mandal and Dr. Manmath Nath Bhaduri.

Tuition fees collected from the students do not cover the recurring expenditure of the school resulting in the closure of magazine publication for a long time. The play ground of



SIRAJGANJ: Gopal Memorial Hall of century-old Victory High School. —Star photo

grown in the cracks on their roofs. Rain water leaks through the roof and work-out walls causing damage to the records of the school.

At present 14 teachers including a lady are serving the school. Headmaster Mr. Majbar Rahman Khan is in the school since March 3, 1954. Mr. Abdul Aziz, an assistant teacher of the school is also the Secretary of Sirajganj district scouts and has been playing a vital role in scouting even in his old age. The school library possesses over a thousand volumes including 32 vol-

the school is not standard size. Fund constraints hamper proper maintenance of the physical infrastructure of the school.

Meanwhile, two high school, one for the boys and the other for the girls have been nationalised in Sirajganj town, ignoring this glorious heritage of an institution.

Local people have appealed to the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to salvage the Victoria School and help it to newer heights of pedagogical achievement.

**Law, order situation worsens in Gaibandha**

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, May 26: Law and order situation of Gaibandha district has deteriorated alarmingly. The rate of crime is being increased day by day despite taking all possible measures by the law-enforcing agency.

Local political alliances on different occasions opted that Gaibandha law enforcing agency has totally failed to tackle the law and order situation. At present there is no security of life and property here.

Police have shown no such efficiency to arrest the criminals.

The alleged criminals are committing crimes one after another including murder, rape, stabbing and dacoity. Young girls are being harassed by them.

Six murder incidents were committed during the last two

months. Besides gambling is going on in different remote areas of the district and day by day the rate of such social crime increasing alarmingly. Law enforcing agencies should be more alert to combat the crimes.

UNB report adds: Four employees of Sundarganj thana Kendrio Samabaya Samity and thana Settlement Office were suspended last week for their alleged misappropriation of government fund.

The accused are Principal Instructor Mofazzal Hossain and Inspector Ambia Khatun and Anwara Begum, an employee of the Samity's bank, and Surveyor Milan Babu.

Official sources said here Friday the accused embezzled the government fund in the name of loan showing false land documents.

**Tk 33.39 lakh sanctioned for 6 projects**

MAGURA, May 26: Zila Parishad has sanctioned Taka 33.39 lakh for implementing six projects in the current fiscal year under Annual Development Programme, reports UNB.

The projects included construction of roads, extension of Zila Parishad market, repair and maintenance of its office buildings. The projects are expected to be completed by June next.

Meanwhile, Municipal authorities have completed the construction works of 24 projects costing Taka 30.67 lakh in the current fiscal year.

The projects included construction of roads, drains, extension of markets, culverts

and office maintenance. Another report adds: Government has sanctioned an amount of Taka 35 lakh for construction and development of the district electricity supply office under Annual Development Programme.

Official sources said of the total amount, Taka 10 lakh was sanctioned for the construction work of the office building.

A total of Taka 17 lakh was sanctioned for residential quarters and Taka 8 lakh for building storeroom and complaint centre.

All the construction works are expected to be completed by June next.



SYLHET: Stagnant water caused by rain increases sufferings to the town dwellers. This picture is taken from Ambarkhana Road. —Star Photo