District roundup

HABIGANJ

Five get 10 yrs RI

June 4: Five people were awarded 10 years rigorous imprisonment, one of them in absentia, on Wednesday for committing dacoity, reports

The court also fined them Tk 2000 each or in default, to suffer six months more RI.

The convicted are: Md Sanjab Ali, Anu Mia, Shamsher Mia, Dengu Mia and Taher Mia (absconding).

According to prosecution story, the convicted miscreants armed with deadly weapons, looted goods worth about Tk 25,400 from the house Shamsunnessa Begum of village Ghus-Para in Bahubal thana of the district on 2nd July, 1989.

Assistant Sessions Judge Shamsunnahar Begum after examining the witnesses and records delivered the judgement amid the crowded court.

The prosecution was conducted by APP Advocate Nurul Hossain while Advocate Nurul Amin defended the accused.

MAULVIBAZAR

Discussion on female edn held

June 4: Speakers at a discussion held at Panchgaon high school under Rajnagar thana on Friday stressed the need on female education especially in the rural areas for the overall development of the country, reports BSS.

Dr Qazi Khaliquzzaman Ahmad, Chairman Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad and a noted economist was the chief guest at the discussion. Presided over by Abdur Rouf, Chairman, Panchgaon union, the function was addressed among others by Abdur Rashid Chowdhury, Director, Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad, Md Fazlur Rahman, Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO), Rajnagar, Arun Ghose, Headmaster, Panchgaon High School, and Munir Miah and Ismail Miah, two former chairmen of Panchgaon union.

Kholiquzzaman said that we'l-to-do people should come forward to spread education in the rural areas as education and socio-economic development are inter-related.

KUSHTIA

One Indian national nabbed

June 4: Police on Monday arrested an Indian national and recovered two guns from his possession from Bheramara, police said here Wednesday, reports UNB.

The arrested man was identified as Abu Rasel Sarker, son of Abdur Rashid Sarker of Mazigram village in Murshidabad district of West Bengal.

Police said some 57 people were also arrested on various charges from different parts of the district and recovered a huge quantity of arms and ammunition during the last week.

The recovered arms include one country-made rifle two pistols, two shutter guns, two pipe guns, one shot gun, one hand bomb and 28 ammuni-

Noakhali

Construction works of two bridges completed

June 4: Construction of two bridges out of four in Amshapara-Sonaimuri road in Begumganj thana has been

completed, reports UNB. Construction of the rest two bridges is expected to be completed by June next. The scheme was taken up by the Local Government and Engineering Department at a cost of Taka four lakh.

With the completion of the scheme the communication system of the area will be improved to a great extent.

Another message adds -Reconstruction work of 24 government primary schools and supply of necessary furniture to these schools in Begumganj thana have been completed at a cost of Taka 49.22 lakh.

Begumganj thana Parishad with the assistance of Local Government Engineering Department has implemented the scheme under IDA third flood rehabilitation pro-



behind the parked rickshaws a sign board reads "no parking." Crowd of such parked rickshaws cause inconvenience to the pedestrians as well as to the busy traffic. Star photo

Mouth and hoof disease of cows breaks out in Patuakhali

Mouth and hoof disease of cows has broken out in four thanas of Patuakhali district for some days past, reports BSS.

According to an official source, about 50 cows have died of this disease in these thanas in the last three weeks and over five thousand have taken ill during the period. Unofficial sources said, about 200 cows have died and over 7000 taken ill in this area

The cultivation is being hampered in the thanas of 'Dashmina, Bauphal, Mirzaganj and Galachipa of Patuakhali district.

District Livestock Department source confirmed the situation and expressed their inability to control the disease as, they said, they are running short of medicines to take preventive measure.

Launch terminal in pitiable condition

UNB reports: Hundreds of passengers are facing untold suffering due to deplorable condition of the Boga launch terminal.

Local people and passen-

PATUAKHALI, June 4: and Dashmina thana of the district alleged that the terminal has been lying in deplorable condition for a long time and nceds immediate repair.

> They said at least 15 river crafts ply through the terminal daily and double decker launches which ply between Dhaka and Patuakhali also touch the terminal. Ghat workers said the ter-

minal has in fact been lying unuseable for last two years resulting loading and unloading of goods risky and hazardous.

Local people urged the au thorities to immediately replace the terminal to remove the crisis.

3 bridges need earlier repair

UNB states: Communications within Dashmina thana of the district has deteriorated further due to deplorable condition of three bridges in different areas of the thana. Local people alleged that

the bridges in South Adampur hat, Baragopaldi hat and Char Hosnabad, were lying in a deplorable state inflicting sufferings on the travellers and pedestrians for a long time.

Nearly 100 vehicles cross these bridges daily taking the risk of life of the passengers, they added.

Local administrations were said to be reluctant to the reconstructions due to low returns from the bridges.

They urged the concerned authorities to immediately look into the matter.

Shoal emerges in Bay of Bengal

UNB adds: A large shoal has emerged in the Southern Bay of Bengal, about 50 kilometre from Kuakata in Kalapara thana of the district.

It is estimated that the size of the shoal is about 100 kilometre in length and 50 kilometre in breadth. The shoal is developing gradually at a slow

If the shoal continues to develop at the present rate, it will be a major source of income for the send traders within 25 years time and within the period cultivation of various crops will be possible, experts said.

A few water transports loaded with commodities got stuck up in the shoal in the recent past, it is learnt.

Stolen statues worth Tk 3 cr recovered

NAOGAON, June 4: Two statues made of touchstone worth about Taka three crore were recovered from two thanas of the district, reports

One statue was recovered by the villagers while digging earth near a play ground at Rotowaal village of Raninagar thana and the other by BDR men in Dhamoirhat thana, near the border.

The smugglers however, managed to flee.

The local leaders urged the authorities to preserve the statues in Barendra Research Museum.

Ansar, VDP hold rally CHAPAINAWABGANJ, June

4 : A rally of Ansar and VDP was held at Bholahat thana hall last week, reports UNB. District Ansar and VDP

Adjutant ASM Zahurual Haque Talukder was present as chici guest at the rally, presided over by TNO Abul Hossain. Speakers urged the Ansar

and VDP men to take part in nation-building activities in rural areas of the country.

Clash leaves 26 injured in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, June 4: At least 26 devotees were injured, two of them seriously, when villagers clashed at Haluakandi ground in Kamarkhandh thana during the Eid congregation on Wednesday over a trifle issue, reports UNB. The clash erupted between

the people of Haluakandi and Tala Shahbajpur during the Eid prayer over the price of nut, being sold by a hawker near the ground. Stones and clubs were used

in two clash that lasted about an hour from 9.30, injuring at least 26 devotees. Seriously , injured

Kalimuddin (36) of Tala Shahabajpur was admitted to Strajganj General Hospital while Khalil (24) of the same village was undergoing treatment by a local doctor.

Local administration was trying to solve the issue but reportedly failed to mediate a compromise between the feuding groups.

Notes from Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ, June 4: One Siraj Miah (50) of village Doulatpur in Nikli thana was

killed by his nephew recently.

According to the police, the clash ensued following an altercation between the deceased Siraj Miah and his nephew Ataur Rahman on at trivial matter. At one stage Ataur Rahman threw a spear which got into the chest of Siraj Miah and as a result he succumbed to his in-

The incident occurred in a paddy field of Jamsair haor under Austagram thana of the district. A case was registered with Austagram police station in this connection. Later the body was sent to the morgue of Kishoregani sadar hospital for autopsy. Investigation is going

Girl commits suicide

A 16-year old girl named Mosammat Lailly Akhtar Khatun daughter of Haji Nawab Ali of village Mohinanda in Kishoreganj sadar thana allegedly committed suicide by taking poison recently. She was immediately rushed to the Kishoreganj sadar hospital after swallowing poison at night here the doctor declared her dead.

The cause behind the suicide could not be known.

A UD case was registered with Kishoreganj police station in this connection but none was arrested. 4 dacoits

arrested

Austagram police arrested four dacoits and recovered a stolen SBBL gun from their possession recently.

According to the report, a daring dacoity was committed at the residence of one Abdul Kased of Pukurpar area in east Austagram and the miscreants decamped with a SBBL gun, gold ornaments cash and clothes worth about Taka 60,000 (sixty thousand).

The dacoits were equipped with deadly weapons, entered the house tied up the inmates with ropes and thereafter looted by breaking the almirah.

A case has been filed with Austagram thana in this connection.

Tk 4 lakh for renovation

The Ministry of LGRD and Co-operatives sanctioned Taka 4 lakhs for the renovation of the Bhairab town hall. Earlier, the Pourashava authority submitted an estimate of Taka 30 lakhs to the government for competition of the construction of the town

The construction of the Bhairab town hall was started about 17 years ago and the scheme was shelved after spending Taka 14 lakhs due to fund constraints.

Dacoits snatch away rifle

The dacoits snatched away a rifle from Tafazzal Hossain, a member of Ansar Battalion while he was in duty in a compartment of Sylhet mail train at night recently. According to the report, the

dacoits numbering about 5 after

snatched away the rifle at dagger point at the outer signal of Methikanda railway station. The mail train was bound for

Sylhet from Dhaka. A case has been filed with

local GRP thana in this connection but none was arrested.

Minor girl kidnapped One Rahima (12) kidnapped

by some miscreants from her home at Kumarchara village under Nikli thana of the district recently at daggerpoint, while sh was doing home work. A c. was registered with

the Nikli police station. Later, she was rescued by the police from neighbouring village under the same thana after 8 hours. No arrest was made in this connection. . Two persons died and two

others were inured by lightning on the bank of the river Meghna at Ekordia under Austagram thana recently. The victims were Abdul

Kayum (19) and Muktu Miah (16) of Purba Austagram, Safi (28) and Enamuddin (50) under the treatment at Austagram health complex.

BNP confce held The conference of Kishore-

ganj district unit of BNP was held at the local Shilpakala Academy hall recently. Presided over by Amiruddin

Ahmed, MP, Convenor of the district BNP, the conference was attended by Brig (Retd) Hannan Shah, organising Secretary of **BNP Dhaka division and Minis** ter for Jute as chief guest.

The conference was addressed among others by State Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation. Lutfar Rahman, Deputy State Minister for Shipping A B M Zahidul Haque, Abdul Karim MP, Abdul Latif MP, Moulana Ataur Rahman Khan MP, Md Aktaruzzaman Ranjan MP, Habibur Rahman Dayal, Masud Helelt, and Prof Habibur Rahman Bhutyan.

Later a 75-member district BNP committee was elected with Prof Habibur Rahman Bhuiyan and Masud Helali as president and secretary respectively.

5 people killed in separate incidents

KUSHTIA, June 4: Four people including a minor girl were killed in four separate incidents in Sadar and Kumarkhali thanas of the district in

the last two days, report UNB. Jumur (4), daughter of Karim, a mason of Kumarkhali Pourashava, was drowned in a pond near their house on Wednesday. Jumur was playing on the side of the pond, family

Abdur Razzak, a labourer of National Fabrics Factory in Kumarkhali thana was killed in a colour dyeing boiler blast in the factory premises.

sources said.

The body was sent to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy Arab Ali (60) of Purba

Abdalpur village in Sadar thana allegedly committed suicide by taking poison on Tuesday. The cause of his death could

not be known immediately. An unnatural death case was filed

with Kushtia police in this con-

A teen aged boy of Majampur slum area was electrocuted and later died at Kushtia General

Hospital Wednesday. Babu (12), son of Salamat Ali, came in contact with a live electric wire, while he was working on the roof of Agrani Bank Tuesday. He fell from the roof and rushed to the Kushtia General Hospital in a critical condition, witnesses and hospital sources said.

Another report from Comilla adds: A student was killed and two others were injured when a truck hit their motor cycle on Dhaka-Chittagong trunk road on Thursday.

Another report adds: A man was electrocuted at Barapara in the town on Wednesday.

The victim Ali Akhar (45) died instantly when came in contact with a snapped electric

Students can play pioneering role: Lutfar

TANGAIL, June 4: State Minister for Relief Lutfar Rahman Khan Tuesday said students could play a pioneering role in the nation building programme through their energetic and fearless activities, reports BSS.

He was addressing a students gathering at Ghatail BG University College here, an official handout said.

Whip of the parliament MA Karim, DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman MP, Begum Anwara Habib Khan MP and President of Tangail district Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal Maniruzzaman Bulbul also addressed the gathering.

The State Minister said, students are the future hope and resort of the nation. He said, in the past, students community always played very important and appropriate role. In this connection, he recalled their glorious role during the period of Language Movement, War of Liberation and anti-autocracy movement in 1990. He said students did their

when the nation fell into crises

best in the past and now the nation expected to see them well educated and also play coveted role in constructing the country as a developed and prosperous one. Khan called upon the stu-

dent to build themselves as worthy citizens and emerge as future leaders of the country by acquiring knowledge and participating in the social welfare activities.

Private tuition becomes commercial practice

NARAIL, June 4: Private tuition has become a commercial practice in the town and three thanas of the district, reports

Guardians complained that

the teachers of government and

non-government schools and

colleges are engaged in private tuition for a long time to earn extra money. The teachers engaged in private coaching hardly teach the students in the classrooms attentively causing suffering to the students. As a result the guardians are forced to engage

private tutors for their children.

But the poor students who can-

not afford private coaching are the worst sufferers. Science teachers get a large number of students for coaching in batches. Teachers of English and Accounting also

coach students in batches.

The teachers engage themselves in private coaching before and after school and college Students alleged that it is

almost impossible to do better results without the aid of the private tutors. UNB adds: The offices of the

Rajshahi division unit and Natore district unit of Bangladesh Government College Teachers Association (BGCTA) were formally inaugurated here

on May 24. Asia and Pacific Regional Coordinator of Education International A Mathews inaugurated the offices as chief guest.

President of the association Principal Md Shahidul Huq and Organising Secretary Prof Md Abul Hashem were present as special guests at the function, presided over by President of the Rajshahi Division unit of the association Prof AKM Nazrul

Darirampur source of inspiration for Nazrul

DARIRAMPUR, June 4: State Minister for Establishment Mohammad Nurul Huda said Tuesday Darirampur was a source of inspiration for poet Nazrul to show his poetic talents in his adolescence, reports BSS.

He said the poet's life took a definite shape while he was staying at Darirampur. The State Minister was in-

augurating a two-day function organised on the occasion of the 94th birth anniversary of the poet Darirampur here Tuesday PID handout said. The State Minister said al-

though poet stayed at

Darirampur for about only two years but the imprints here bore far-reaching impact in the myriad literary creation. Terming Darirampur as the seat of reference for the scholars of Nazrul, the State

Minister said to encourage the

devotees of Nazrul government

had taken up massive plan and programme to develop as a centre of Nazrul's research. Another project will be taken up soon to cater the need of the researchers with adequate information and facts. Nurul Huda said Nazrul's

struggle and inspiring writings

against autocracy and imperial-

ism are perennial source of

our inspiration and glowing

examples of protests against

oppression and suppression. He said the very aesthetic fervour of his literary creation

is also unique. Presided over by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Mymensingh, the function was also addressed, among others, by Abdul Khaleque MP. Amanullah Chowdhury MP, Begum Nurzahahan Yesmin MP, Keramat Alt Talukder MP, A K M Fazlul Haq, MP and eminent Educationist and Literary Researcher Dr Ashraf Siddiqui.

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harta, Rohanpur and in heart

concerned authorities to take

steps for stopping unautho-rised sale of distilled water

31-member new committee of

the district unit of Doctors'

Another message adds : A

Local leaders urged the

of the Nawabgant town.

Illegal sale of distilled water on increase

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, June 4: The unauthorised sale of distilled water and countrymade liquor has increased in five thanas of the district, reports UNB.

The thanas are Shibganj, Bholahat, Gomstapur, Nachol and Nawabganj Sadar. Local people said use of

unauthorised distilled water often caused much sufferings to the patients and even risked their lives. They also alleged that the drunkards are engaged in anti-social activities. A section of young men in-

cluding day labourers and

tari and wine.

of the association. sweepers are learnt to have The election was held at been addicted to liquors like

and liquors.

Association of Bangladesh has been formed. Dr ATM Mozammai Haque Bakul and Dr Safigul Islam were elected President and

General Secretary respectively

the annual general meeting of the association on May 17. The liquors are widely

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