District roundup

MAIJDEE COURT

General Hospital faces manifold problems

July 9: The Noakhali General Hospital has long been smarting under multifarious problems, reports UNB.

Local people alleged that the 150-bed hospital is now running with only 17 doctors while the pressure of serious patients is mounting.

Many patients are seen lying on the floor in the absence of beds causing serious problems for their treatment. Shortage of medicine, lack of sanitation and other facilities have aggravated the situation.

Besides, there is only one doctor in out-door where nearly 200 to 400 patients are pouring for treatment every-

They recalled that the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in her recent visit to the district had assured to upgrade the hospital to 250-bed but nothing has yet been done in this respect.

Local leaders urged the concerned authorities to take immediate steps to upgrade the hospital for the interest of the people of the district.

BARISAL

Distressed families get 3,592 tons of wheat

July 9: At total of 3,592 metric tons of wheat was distributed among the members of 9,579 distressed families in ten thanas including paurashava areas of Barisal district in the 1992-93 fiscal year under Vulnerable Group Development Programme (VGDP), reports BSS.

According to an official source, the District Relief and Rehabilitation Department distributed wheat at the rate of 31.25 kilograms per family per month through 86 centres of the district free of cost.

Of the total, 651 metric tons of wheat were distributed among the members of 1,736 distressed families of Agailjhara thana, 735 metric tons of wheat among 1,960 distressed families of Gournadi, 146.25 metric tons of wheat among 390 distressed families of Hizla, 293.25 metric tons of wheat among 782 distressed families of Mehendiganj 163.12 metric tons of wheat among 435 distressed families of Muladi, 145.12 metric tons of wheat among 387 distressed families of Babuganj, 168.75 metric tons of wheat among 450 distressed families of Bakerganj, 112.50 metric tons of wheat among 300 distressed families of Barisal sadar, 974.62 metric tons of wheat among 2,599 distressed families of Wazirpur, 90 metric tons of wheat among 240 distressed families of Banaripara and 112.50 metric tons of wheat among the members of 300 distressed families of Barisal pourashava areas, the source added.

Over 47,895 members of these families received the wheat.

Tk 4.50cr Poura Budget approved

July 9: Feni Pourashava has approved a budget of Taka 4.50 crore for the fiscal 1993-94, official sources said, reports

Announcing the budget at Feni Pourashava auditorium ADC Babu Debashts said of the total amount Taka 47.80 lakh would come from government

He said the rest of the budget would come from its own resources including Tk 2.30 crore from infrastructural development projects, 40.60 lakh from taxes, 28.50 lakh from different sectors, 22.45

lakh from rent collection and 15.05 lakh from customs duty. He said the main heads of expenditure are Tk 2.30 crore for implementing town development projects, 6.50 lakh for water supply, 3 lakh for slum development, 20 lakh for roads and drain reconstruction, one lakh for construction and reconstruction of park, one lakh for construction and reconstruction of graveyard, 12 lakh for street light, 3.50

lakh for construction and repair of educational institutions. Besides, Tk 10 lakh has been allocated for the construction of residential quarters of Pourashava employees, Tk 2 lakh for construction of terminal and Tk over 3 lakh

for other purposes. The poura administrator also urged the town dwellers to immediately repay their arrear tax of Tk 27 lakh to help meet the development expenditures.

MAULVIBAZAR

Sports facilities inadequate

CHUADANGA, July 9: The number of floating people in July 9: Sports facilities in Chuadanga town is increasing almost all the educational inday by day. As a result, sanitary stitutions and clubs throughout condition in the pourashava the district are quite inadearea has deteriorated alarmquate, reports UNB.

The floating people rush to

Most of them are passing

The male members are al-

days on the foot-paths, railway

station, corridors of office and

legedly engaged in criminal ac-

tivities like thefts, dacoity,

pick-pocketing etc. Female

members work as maid ser-

vants. Some of them are en-

gaged in immoral activities, it

Mosquito menace

assumed an alarming propor-

tion in and around Chuadanga

town making the life of the

town dwellers miserable. The

situation has taken a serious

turn now. Mosquitoes in

swarms buzz around and make

it difficult for the students to

prepare their lessons at night.

Doctors, nurses, lawyers,

teachers and shopkeepers who

work at night are the worst

water and water hyacinths,

silted sup drains, derelict

ponds, pucca and semi-pucca

service latrine and garbages

are the main breeding grounds

the roadside also contribute to

that during the last 25 years

the local pourashava authority

hasn't resorted to steps to

eradicate mosquito in

the growth of mosquitoes.

Heaps of garbages found on

It may be mentioned here

Ditches filled with stagnant

The mosquito menace has

educational institutions.

is alleged.

sufferers.

for mosquitoes.

Local elite alleged that the ingly. District Sports Association the town in large numbers failed to promote sport activities due to lack of initiative. round the year specially during flood. At present huge people They could not even provide have gathered here in search required sports materials to of food, shelter and work from the educational institutions the far flung areas of Noakhali, and clubs. Comilla, Faridpur and Dhaka.

A few years back games and sports used to take place with much enthusiasm and the students were the main participants, sports lovers said. Local games like kabadi, swimming were very popular but now-adays these games are rarely played due to lack of fund and initiative, they added.

The students who were found busy with various games which helped them keep their body and mind sound for their studies now are seen busy with gossiping in the restaurants. Some of them are also found involved in anti-social activi-

Local leaders have urged the concerned authorities to take immediate steps to increase sports facilities for the students and youths.

SYLHET

MC College student dies in road mishap

From Our Correspondent July 9: Nader (21), a stu-

dent of MC College, Sylhet was killed in a road accident at Tilagarh area of Sylhet town on Tuesday morning.

At about 9:30 am the victim on a motorcycle was passing through the Tilagarh area collided head-on with a speeding truck (No. Sylhet-A-02-1177). He was rushed to the Medical College hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The driver, however, managed to escape along with the truck. A case has been filed with the Kotwali thana.

Another report says: The Greater Sylhet Ganodabi Parishad, a non-partisan welfare organisation of Greater Sylhet region has demanded of the government a declaration of the region as "distressed area" for strengthening relief of operation and also for taking immediate steps to check recurring floods in the region.

FARIDPUR

Three students of Rajendra College held

July 9: Three students of Rajendra University College were arrested for their alleged involvement in providing copies to the examinees of Diploma in Commerce at Government Commercial Institution Centre here on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The arrested were identified as Bhajankumar Das, student of MCom, Mahmud Al Siddiki, student of BCom and Mahbubur Rahman, an HSC examinee of the university col-

Following a tip-off, police rushed to Shilpakala Auditorium and caught them red-handed while copying for the examinees. Police also recovered a question paper of Book Keeping and Accounting 2nd Paper from their posses-

The accused were sent to iail after the Sadar thana Magistrate rejected their bail

MANIKGANJ

UP Chairman Samity formed

July 9: 'Manikganj Zila Union Parishad Chairman Samity was formed at a meeting of the Union Parishad Chairmen of the district held at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room here recently, reports

Dewan Mazharul Huq, Chairman, Singair union parishad presided over the meeting. Jalaluddin Ahmed, Chair-

man, Krishnapur union and Rafiqul Islam Mukul, Chairman. Gala union were elected unanimously president and general secretary respectively of the 21-member executive committee of the samity.

Other office-bearers are: Vice-presidents - Dewan Mazharul Huq, Chafrman, Singair and M A Flat, Chairman, Teota Union, Treasurer - A B M Helaluddin, Chairman, Atigram Union, Assistant General Secretary - A Kuddus Khan Majlish and Organising Secretary - Abul Hashem

Number of floating people on increase in Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent Chuadanga Pourashava arca.

Hats, bazars in deplorable condition

Almost all the hats and bazars of Chuadanga district are in deplorable condition for a long time causing immense sufferings to the buyers and sellers.

The condition of Chuadanga bara bazar, Rail bazar, Kederganj bazar, Nilmoniganj bazar, Alokdia bazar, Dingadah bazar, Sarajganj bazar, Dashmile bazar, Begumpur bazar, Titudah bazar, and bazar under Chuadanga thana, Alamdanga bazar, Munshiganj baza, Hadi bazar, Janijami bazar, Bhangbaria bazar, Khashkarara bazar, Hat-boalia bazar under Alamdangh Thana, Darsana bazar. Damurhuda bazar, Dugdugi bazar, Karpashdanga bazar, Gokulkhali bazar, and Jagannath pur bazars, under Damurhuda thana and Jibannagar bazar, Hashadah bazar, Raipur bazar, Andul Baria bazar, Uthali bazar and Shialmari cattle market of Jibannagar thana are in most pitiable condition.

Recreational facilities meagre

The recreational facilities are meagre and the members of the public, specially the youngers have been facing manifold problems.

The absence of adequate civic amenities has turned life unbearable. Most parts of the urban area have turned into an abode of evil-doers and miscreants, it is observed.

The youngsters spend time in enjoying films. They are also found loitering on the roads and lanes even on the morning ignoring their studies and domestic duties. The library facilities are also inadequate to cater to the existing needs.

There is no gymnasium in the district. There is no park

for children too. 74 schemes executed

During the last financial year 31 development projects were implemented in Chuadanga sadar, Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar under Food for Work Programmes. A total of 1,667 metric tons of wheat was used for the

purpose. CARE implemented all the 31 development projects of which, 5 were implemented in Chuadanga sadar thana, 12 in Alamdanga thana, 10 in Damurhuda thana and 4 in Jibannagar thana.

The projects included construction and reconstruction of kutcha roads in the rural areas, excavation and re-excavation of ponds, canals and rivers.

The Water Development Board has also implemented 43 development projects at a cost of 1047 maunds of wheat under the Food for Works Programme during the last financial years.

Aus cultivation During the current aus paddy cultivation season 30,195 hectares of land have been brought under aus cultivation in Chuadanga sadar,

Alamdanga, Damurhuda and Jibannagar. Of the total land, 1475 hectares have been brought under HYV and 28,720

hectares under local variety. Of the total land, 6,745 hectares have been in Chuadanga sadar thana, 13,550 hectares in Alamdanga thana, 6180 hectares in Damurhuda thana and 3720 hectares in Jibannagar thana.

It s expected that about 12 lakh maunds of aus paddy will be produced in the district during the current season. The condition of aus paddy throughout the district is satisfactory, it is learnt.

Agri products selling below production cost in Jamalpur From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, July 9: Almost all kinds of agricultural products including foodgrains, onions, wheat, chilli, jute, banana, potato etc. are selling below production cost in the district.

This correspondent visited different village markets in Jamalpur district following announcement of national budget to compare the variation of prices. Per kg of rice is selling of Taka 5 to Taka 6 only. Onion is selling of Tk 8 to 10 per kgs, and one mound of jute is selling at Taka 120 to 140 only. Tobacco is selling per mound at Taka 320 to 340 only. Farmers complain that their products are selling below the production cost.

Prices of all kinds of industrial products have also shown

gradual increase. Although no fiscal measures

have been proposed on consumer goods, a section of the unscrupulous traders on lame excuses increased the prices defying government's price regulation. Items which recorded

sharp rise in prices include cloths, cosmetics, medicine, child food, and salt.

Limited supply of fish pushed the price exhorbitantly high in the local markets. People allege that there is abundant supply of hilsha fish in the market. Traders complain due to lack of sufficient number of refrigerators and

ice, they cannot supply hilsha fish to the rural markets prop-

At present a big hilsha weighting about five pounds is being sold at Tk 160 to 170. Supply of shrimps and other varieties of fish is also scarce causing price-hike very often. Afforestation programme

Jamalpur Forest Department has taken up a programme to distribute 50,000 saplings of different varieties of trees among the members of public in the district. According to an official

source, the saplings are being sold to the people at nominal prices. The saplings include Mahagani, Shishu, Arjun, Karai, Segoan, and teat.

Works on 450 projects going on sprayers are being used to

BARISAL, July 9: A total of 450 projects is being executed in Barisal district under Test Relief Programme during the current rainy season, reports

According to an official source, government had sanctioned 850 metric tons of wheat for the implementation of these projects.

The projects include reconstruction of embankments, dams and roads, and re-excavation of canals and ponds tree plantations and clearing of water hyacinth.

Seventynine projects are being executed in Barisal Sadar, 41 in Wazirpur, 58 in Gournadi, 52 in Bakergonj, 36 in Muladi, 35 in Agailjhara, 45 in Mehendigonj, 32 in Banaripara and 37 in Hizla

Agri uplift plans Bangladesh Agriculture Extension Department, Barisal region, has undertaken measures to implement various agricultural development programmes in seven southern districts for boosting produc-

The districts are: Barisal, Jhalakati, Patuakhali, Barguna, Bhola, Pirojpur and Gopalgonj.

According to an official source, he department has distributed 430 power pumps to the marginal and small farmers of these districts. A total of 1,000 power tillers and 22 tractors have been arranged to provide farmers with training on modern methods of cultivation. Sex trawlers, 40 motor cycles, 575 bi-cycles, 4 pick-ups and one speedboat have been give to the field offi cers and ten deep set hand driving pumps have been installed in ten thana of Barguna and Patuakhali districts.

Besides, 1,806 hand

spray insecticides in the field the source said. 850 farmers were given training through 21 gatherings to implement the integrated plan against pest. On the other hand, 1,000 farmers were also given training through 49 gatherings to increase productions of subordinate grains in the districts in this respects. 156 demonstration plots were arranged.

Besides, 1,164 block supervisors were given training to protect the fields from salinity, 2,150 women farmers were given training on vegetables production around the dwelling houses through 1,150 demonstration plots, the source said.

The department will distribute 9,850 coconut plants and 39,400 saplings of rain tree or mehagoni trees to the farmers free of costs.



GAZIPUR: Pora Bari Sarbia Dakhil Madrasa completely damaged by nor wester - Star photo recently.

BWDB completes 16 IDA projects in Bakerganj

BARISAL, July 9 Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) has completed 16 projects in Bakerganj thana under Barisal district at an allocation of Taka 3,28,42,000 in 1992-93 fiscal year, reports

According to an official source, International Development Association (IDA) has financed the projects. The works of the projects began in 1991-92 and were completed in June last. The projects including con-

struction of 18 kilometres of embankments, seven extraction sluices and eight flushing inlets. Besides, 13 kilometres of

canals will be re-excavated in the project area under Food for Work Programme (FWP) in 1993-94 fiscal year, the source The projects will help provide

irrigation facilities on 684 hectares and save 862 hectares from flood and salinity.

40,000 saplings to be planted in Madhabpur

MADHABPUR, July 9 Madhabpur thana forest department has taken up a programme to plant 40,000 saplings of different trees in the current tree plantation season, reports BSS.

According to Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO), Madhabpur, Madhabpur thana horticultural nursery has already produced 6,900 saplings for distribution among the members of the public. It has raised coconut

saplings 1,900, Shashu 2,100, Mehagany 2,000, Raintree 600 and Karai 300. Other saplings will be pro-

cured from Habiganj district forest department nursery, he

Tk 6.78 cr Chowmuhani Poura Budget announced MAIJDEE COURT, July 9

Chowmuhani Pourashava has announced a budget of Taka 6,78,11,828 for the fiscal 1993-94, reports UNB.

Announcing the budget at a press conference ADC (General). A K M Mahbubul Alam said the overall pourashava development was given the first priority in the new budget to ensure the civic amenities of the town dwellers.

He said of the total amount, Taka 7.15 lakh has been allocated for general establishment, Taka 78,000 for health services, Taka 7.50 lakh for water supply, Taka 65,000 for repair of drains, Taka 2.30 lakh for construction of slaughtering houses. Taka 3.50 lakh for construction and development of markets, Taka 75,000 for construction and repair of roads, Taka 1,56,6100 for street lights, Taka 1,44,20,000 for other development works and Taka 5.40 lakh for education and cul-

Majid opens SHOGORIP office at Magura

The Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Development, Flood Control M Majid ul-Haque (Ret) laid the foundation stone of the Training Centre and Zonal Office of Shosho Gudam Rin Prokalpo (SHOGORIP) on July 3 at Magura on this occasion a meeting was arranged at Sajiara sugar cane purchase centre, says a SHOGORIP press

Majid said that SHOGORIP had taken a productive step to prevent poverty of the small, marginal and landless farmers. He also said that from this programme farmers could be benefitted to store their grain safely, sell their grain at a fair price and get credit facilities. He assured that any development programme for the poor will get govt. aid.

Ruth Zumbuhi, Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of Switzerland, Peter Tchumi, acting head of SDC Philippe Ame, Project Advisor, SHOGORIP Advisory unit, Kajal Kumar Chatterjee, Project Director, SHOGORIP were also delivered speeches.

CARITAS instals 18 deep tubewells

BARISAL 9 : The CARITAS-Bangladesh has installed 18 deep tubewells in Amtali thana of Barguna district to ensure suply of pure water, reports

The NGO also has undertaken a scheme to install 250 shallow tubewells in nine thanas of Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Barguna and Madaripur districts.

beset with problems SHERPUR, July 9: The 50bed Sadar Hospital is beset

hospital

with manifold problems causing immense suffering to the patients, reports UNB,

the becterial and viral diseases

and its only ambulance re-

date 60 per cent of the serious

patients and the rest are to go

back disappointed. Local elite

said it needs immediate ex-

pansion to meet the growing

The hospital can accommo-

mained out of order for long.

is also reported to be substandard and the sanitary condi-There are acute shortage of physicians, accommodation, tion is not satisfactory. medicines and lack of modern Patients alleged that plasdiagnosis, pathological faciliter, gauge-bandage, catguts ties and blood bank in the and some other necessary materials are not available in the

50-bed dist hospital

Besides, there is no enough security arrangement for the The government office female nurses and the hospital timing is not maintained in the lacks operation theatre. hospital and some doctors Local people said the hospiwere reported to be involved tal has no separate ward for

in private practice ignoring their hospital duties. Water and electricity supply are also inadequate in the hospital, patients said.

pressure of the patients.

Patients are also seen lying

on the floor. The diet supplied

to the patients in the hospital

Local leaders urged the concerned authorities to look into the matter and take immediate steps to mitigate sufferings of the patients.



Commissioner of Mymensingh, planting a sapling in the court premises to mark the International Environment - Star photo

Denationalisation of sugar mills protested in Faridpur

FARIDPUR, July 9: The workers, employees and farmers of Faridpur Sugar Mills Limited have been abstaining from work since June 23 in protest against the privatisation of the mills, reports UNB.

The government has taken the decision to sell Faridpur Sugar Mills and Jhilbangla Sugar Mills in North Bengal in an ECNEC meeting last month, sources said.

Everyday the strikers have been bringing out processions and holding rallies to protest the government decision. Faridpur Sugar Mills is sit-

uated at Madhukhali, 20 miles

west of the district headquar-

Another report says: Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf said criminals, whoever they might be, would be seriously

dealt with under the existing laws of the land. The minister warned antisocial elements on Thursday while visiting houses looted

south Kamargram in Boalmari thana of Faridpur district. Kamal expressed sympathy

and ransacked by hoodlums at

with the victims of cruel acts unleashed by miscreants and assured that the government would take all possible mea sures to ensure their safety and security.

In this connection, he reit erated the government's resolve to establish rule of law in the country.

The Health Minister di-

rected the local administration to probe the incident and take proper action against those responsible to ensure justice to the victims. Local MP Abdur Rouf Mian,

Faridpur Municipality Chairman Fazlul Karim Chand and " other local BNP leaders accompanied the minister

Earlier, the Health Minister planted saplings at the local circuit house and Maijuddin High School premises marking the countrywide tree plantation week.

11 killed in mishaps picked up a quarrel over paddy COMILLA, July 9: Stx peo-

ple were killed and four others injured when a Dhaka-bound truck turned turtle near Mastapur, four km south of the town on June 28, reports UNB. The dead were identified as

Hakim Pramanik (22), Hafzar Pramanik (18), Syedur (22) Anisur Rahman(18), Golam Mostafa (42) of Panchbibi thana of Joypurhat district and Joynal Abedin of Chawddagram. Police and witnesses said

scrap skidded off the road after the driver lost its control Police seized the vehicle, but the driver managed to es-

the accident occurred when

the truck loaded with iron

Another report from Feni says: At least five people were killed in separate incidents in different areas of the district

last week Police said two peoplesdied on the spot when a Dhakabound truck from his another standing truck at Lalpul on Feni-bypass road on

June 28. The dead were identified as driver of the standing truck Mohammad Firoz (27) and helper Din Mohammad (25). The vietims were changing the wheels of their vehicle

In another incident, an elder brother died when his younger brother hit ham with spade in a paddy field at Ballabpur village in Chowddagram thana on June 27. Witnesses said two brothers

seeds and at one stage Abdul Kader hit his elder brother Abu Taher (36) with a spade. Abu Taher succumbed on way to hospital. Police recovered an un-

the house of one Amin Box Bari at Balukia village in sadar thana on June 28. Police suspected the body was kept there by the as-

known dead body from

sailants. Police also recovered a dead body from a house of a UP member at Rajapur village in

Daganbhutyan thana on June Separate cases were registered with the police.

Another UNB copy says Dacoits injured 10 passengers and looted cash valuables worth about Taka on lakh from a night coach on Dhaka-Chittagong trunk road near Chowddagram, police said

Witnesses said a gang of 6 to 7 dacoits who boarded the Dhaka bound coach of KK Paribahan in disguise took control over the vehicle when it reached at the point. They mercilessly beat the

passengers injuring 10 and looted cash and valuables. The incident took place on June They drove the coach upto

Chandsree, about 10 km south of Chawddagram an decamped with the booty. A case was filed and police seized the bus.