District roundup

RANGPUR

Scheme for cotton cultivation

AUG 8: A scheme has been taken up to bring 11,600 hectares of land under cotton cultivation in 16 northern districts during the current season, reports UNB.

Cotton Development Board sources said of the total, 3,000 hectares of land were brought under the cultivation in Rangpur zone, 4,000 hectares in Rajshahi, 2,100 hectares in Bogra, 1,500 hectares in Pabna and 1,000 hectares in Dinajpur fixing the production-target at 2.5 lakh mound.

The department has also undertaken programme to disburse loan of Taka three lakh, high yielding seeds, fertilizer and pesticides among the farmers to make the scheme a

Another report says: National Savings Department exceeded its target of savings in Rangpur district during the last fiscal year.

Official sources said the department earned Taka 13,41,79,000 as saving deposits against its target of about Taka 13,38,97,000 during the period.

ine amount was earned ou of sale proceeds of defence savings certificates for five and three years term, general savings certificates, long term saving certificates, price bonds and other means.

JHENIDAH

Shibir activist arrested

Aug 8: An activist of Islami Chhatra Shibir was arrested on charge of terrorist act from Shaikhpara in Sailakupa thana on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The arrested was identified as Azizur Rahman, an activist of Chhatra Shibir.

Police said Aziz was arrested under Anti-Terrorism Act for his alleged involvement in an attack on a public meeting organised by local BNP at Madandanga in Saflakupa.

Another report says: Police seized a huge quantity of contrabards worth about Taka 60 thousand from a truck here on Tuesday evening.

On information, police challenged a Dhaka bound truck (Khulna TA-999) and recovered 60 prices of sarees, 500 pieces of "cross bearing" and a number of rubber gloves.

Police arrested two people, including the driver of the truck, in this connection. They are driver Hafizur and Afsar Alt.

BARISAL

College uplift works underway

Aug 8: The development and expansion of Government Brojomohun University College, Barisal, has been progressing fast at an allocation of Taka 1,13,23,000, reports BSS.

According to an official source, works include the construction of a three-storied science building and a commerce building. Other facilities like water supply electricity and sanitation will go with these projects.

About 30 per cent work of these projects have already been completed, source said.

Of the total, Taka 82.52 lakh are being spent for the construction of the science building and Taka 30.71 lakh for the construction of commerce building.

MANIKGANJ

Launch passenger killed

Aug 8: A passenger of Titas launch at Daulatdia ghat of Goalanda thana in Rajbari district was allegedly killed by the employees of a launch, police

sources here said, says UNB. The dead was identified as Bashir (37), a fruit vendor of

Goalanda. According to witnesses, on July 24 when Bashir tried to

board the launch, the employees prevented him and at one stage of altercation the furious employees threw the vendor into the river.

The body of the victim was found two days later which was sent to Rajbari Sadar hospital for autopsy. A case was filed with the local police but none was arrested so far.

Md TA Mollah, a leader of the Bangladesh Inland Waterways Passengers Association when contacted alleged that the launch owners have been trying to suppress the incident by an underhand dealing with persons involved in investigation.

MAIJDEE COURT

Training programme of UP chairmen

Aug 8: A one-day training and review programme of the Union Parishad Chairmen of Noakhali district was held at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room last week, reports UNB.

A total 47 UP Chairmen took part in the programme, presided over by the Deputy Commissioner of the district, Hasanuzzaman Choudury.

The topics of the training included tree plantation, compulsory primary education and family planning while the law and order situation and different development activities of the district were also reviewed.

The conference was addressed, among others, by the ADC (General), Additional SP, District Primary Education Officer and Deputy Director of Family Planning.

NETRAKONA

Anti-crime conference held

Aug 8: An anti crime conference was held at the conference room of Netrakona district police here recently, reports BSS.

Deputy Commissioner and District Magistrate, Netrakona Dewan Afsaruddin attended the conference as chief guest while Police Super Netrakona Anwar Hossain Khan was in the chair.

Police sources said that the conference reviewed the overall law and order situation of the district. The rate of crimes showed a significant fall in the three months due to effective measures by police.

The conference was attended among others by Public prosecutor of Netrakona district Nurul Islam Bhutyan, additional police super Netrakona, assistant police supers of Barhatia, Mohanganj and Netrakona circles and officer-incharge of all the ten thanas of Netrakona district.

B'BARIA

Bank manager killed in road mishap

Aug 8: A bank manager was killed and 15 others were intured, four critically, when a coaster tumbled into a roadside ditch at Peerbari crossing near the town Thursday, reports

The dead was identified as Mazharul Haqu Bhutyan, 40, Manager of Sonali Bank's Nastrnagar branch, who was re-

turning home in Kashba thana. Witnesses said the accident occurred at 5:30 pm when the driver of the Kuti-bound vehicle lost control as some passengers attacked him over a tussle on

The coaster turned turtle in the ditch after it skidded off the

The body was brought to the Sadar Hospital. The seriously injured were admitted to the hospital while others released after first aid.

M'BAZAR

Two killed in separate incidents

Aug 8: A minor boy was killed and his mother was injured in lightning at Hallagram village in Barlekha thana of the district last week, reports UNB.

The boy was identified as Saiful Islam (5), son of Tareb Ali of the same village.

Family sources said, Saiful met instant death and his mother Rayban Bibi received serious injuries when the tunderbolt hit their house in their sleep at night.

Another report says: A young man was run over by a speeding bus on Sherpur-Nabiganj road near Kurshi Government Primary School in Nabiganj thana of the district last week.

Nasir Uddin (27) met the accident while he was crossing the road and died on the spot. Police seized the bus but the

Police and eyewitnesses said,

driver of the vehicle managed to

NARAIL

Police recover pipe-gun

Aug 8: Police recovered country made pipe gun including a rifle builet from Suborghop village in Sadar thana of the district last week. reports UNB

Acting on tip, Sl Md Jakir Hossain, rushed to the spot and recovered the arms and ammunition from a banana tree of the same village.

A case was filed with Narail police but none was arrested yet in this connection.



MAULVIBAZAR: The pitiable condition of Juri - Fultala road of the district. The road has been severely damaged by recent flood. — Star photo

Quami Jute Mills

Tk 1cr loss every month?

SIRANGANJ, Aug & The Quami Jute Mills is now incurring of production. loss of about Taka one crore

every month, it is reported. As a result, the mill is facing acute financial crisis and is likely to be closed in a near future if the trend continues.

It is learnt that since inception of the mills in 1960, it was a profitable concern upto 1982. Due to excessive manpower, price hike of spare parts, high rate of electricities and alleged corruption of a section of unscrupulous employees the mills incurring loss.

The products of the mill can not compete with the interna-

Workshop of UP chairmen concludes

LALMONIRHAT. Aug 8: Aday-long workshop of the Union Parisad chairmen of the district was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner, reports UNB.

Deputy Commissioner Kazi Farid Ahmed inaugurated the workshop on July 17.

Tree plantation, canal digging, compulsory primary education, primary health care and function of the local government have been discussed in the workshop.

Rahman on Wednesday said,

fish is a major resource of the

country which can play a vital

role in fulfilling the demand of

protein of the increasing popu-

economy, reports UNB.

lation as well as boosting the

giving priority to inspire the

people to take up pisciculture in

right earnest so that they could

The Foreign Minister was

addressing as chief guest a rally

of fishermen and fish cultiva-

tors at the thana auditorium

here, organised by the Fisheries

Department to celebrate the

The minister also inaugu-

Presided over by Deputy

rated a fish exhibition arranged

Commissioner of Bagerhat, the

function was also addressed by

Syeda Nargis Ali MP, district

BNP President Barrister Kazi

AT Monowar Uddin and a num-

Mostafiz urged people of all

"Fisheries Fortnight".

ber of fish cultivators.

on the occasion.

ensure adequate fish produc-

tion in the country, he added.

The present government was

From Our Correspondent tional market due to higher cost

That before the nationalisation in 1972, the mill was run-

ning with 42 administrative of ficers, 142 employees and 2000 workers. But at present there are 124 officers, 350 employees and 3000 workers. Due to fund shortage, coal

chased and the workers are not paid wages for weeks together. The scheduled banks also expressed inability to pay further loans. While contacted, a source of the mills told this correspon-

and JP off could not be pur-

dent that a considerable number of workers are now ready to give up this job, but due to uncertainty of getting monetary benefit's they can not do so.

4 transformers, wire stolen

Four 50-KVA transformers and 40,000 feet of wire of Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) have been stolen from Stranigani electric supply area during last one year. The stolen materials cost about Taka 20 lakh.

It is informed that during last one year, valuable copper wire, high tension aluminium wire and four 50-KVA transformers had been stolen. Forty

BAGERIAT, Aug 8: Foreign strata to ensure maximum ing a function on the occasion

beels, ditches and other open

water bodies for fish production

to meet local demand and also

earn huge foreign currency for

the country. 'Our country has

bright prospect in fish produc-

present democratic government

had been endeavouring to at-

tain self-sufficiency in all fields.

released fish fry in a pond at

the thana sadar premises.

in this regard, he said the

Later, the minister formally

A BSS report from Daulatpur

says : Chief Whip Khondoker

Delwar Hossain has underlined

the importance of turning the

fish cultivation into a produc-

tion oriented social movement.

challenge of the country's wide

scale unemployment problem

and with this ends in view we

are working hard to make the

country self-reliant and plour

ish the prospects of earning

huge foreign exchange from the

The Chief Whip was address

GAZIPUR: The roller machine of Tongi pourashava has been lying under open sky for more

than two years. The machine was purchased with Taka 22, lakh.

fish sector, he added

Our objective is to face the

cases have been lodged with four police stations in this connection. Following the situation, power supply in the areas is frequently disturbed. No stolen materials has yet been recovered during this period.

Besides, a total of 2238 cases is under trial at the PDB court of Bogra, Rangpur and Pabna zones. In July, 104 cases in connection with illegal consumption of Power have been disposed up and Taka 5,89,921.40 have been realised as fines and arrear electric bills at the court of A B M Arshad Hossain, Magistrate of PDB

Police seizes goods worth Taka 2 lakh

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Aug 8: Police Sub Inspector of Akhaura thana Nurul Alam seized 420 kg of dry fish from Mogra Bazar under Akhaura thana of the district recently.

The recovered dry fish was estimated to be worth about Taka one lakh five thousand. A person named Hari Mohan Barman was arrested in this connection and a case was filed at Akhaura thana.

haors at Sri-Dhan-Nagar Ghat

area of the Ghior and Daulatpur

police station under Manikganj

the audience that in the last fis-

cal year we had earned Taka

700 crore by exporting fish.

Twelve lakh people fully and

one crore people partly kept

themselves engaged in the fish

We have a large number of

water bodies as well as a vast

sca area for cultivation of fish

and plans are underway to

bring these water bodies under

extensive fish cultivation, the

Chief Whip said. When imple-

mented, we shall not only

achieve self-sufficiency in nutri-

tion supply, but also be able to

solve the gigantic unemploy-

Appreciating the success of

Fisheries Research Institute in

evolving improved technology,

he urged the people to engage

themselves in this sector and

Star photo

ment problem, he added.

help alleviating poverty.

sector, he said

Khondoker Delwar informed

Assistant judge dismissed

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 8: An assistant judge was dismissed from the service for violation of rule.

It is learnt that Md Shahajan, Assistant Judge of Kulaura thana under Moulvibazar district was dismissed from the service. The Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affair Ministry raised an allegation of violation of Section (3-C) of Government Employee (Discipline and Appeal) Rule-1985 against the said assistant

According to the advice the Bangladesh Supreme Court and Bangladesh Public Service Commission, the Law, Justice and Parliamentary Ministry dismissed him from the service.

Five missing in boat capsize

people were missing after a pineapple-loaded mechanised boat capsized in the Jamuna off Rangram groyne on Thursday afternoon, reports UNB.

The boat, bound for here from Madhupur in Tangail, sank at around 4 pm after its engine suddenly went off.

swam ashore.

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 8: Five

It was carrying pineapple

worth about Taka 15,000 and also 11 people, six of whom

Priority given to increase fish output The Chief Whip later visited Minister ASM Mostafizur utilisation of ponds, canals, of releasing fish-fry to open the worst flood-hit areas of Char Katari, Barchamara, Baghutta and Joinpur unions of the Manikganj district and distributed relief materials among

the distressed people. Turning to natural catastrophes like cyclone, river-erosion and floods, Khondoker Delwar said, these calamities though beyond the control of the mankind yet we can overcome these to a great extent through concerted efforts and fellow-feel-

He informed the distressed people that the government was fully aware of their helplessness and doing all possible to rehabilitate them.

Affected people will be provided with new seeds so that they could sow again as soon as the water recedes, he assured the flood victims.

Directives had already been issued to the district administration to do whatever required to face the calamities, he added He advised them to face the disaster with courage and forti-

City Mayor opens tree plantation programme

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Aug 8: There is no alternative to tree plantation in maintaining ecological bal ance and save the country from

Rajshahi City Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu ex pressed this opinion while inaugurating the tree plantation programme of Ciba-Geigy Bangladesh Ltd. in Rajshahi re-It was addressed by Rajshahi

the natural disaster.

Divisional Commissioner, M Aminul Islam, Marketing Manager of Ciba Ruhul Qud-dus.

Ruhul Quddus told the gathering that Ciba would plant saplings on five-mile-long Rajshahi City Protection Embankment in cooperation with the government this year.

10 to suffer life-term for killing JSD leader

PABNA, Aug 8: Ten people were on Thursday sentenced to life-term for murdering JSD (Rab) leader Ahmed Karim, reports UNB.

District and Sessions Judge Abdur Rahman Patwari gave the judgement, acquitting two others.

convicts are Mohammad Masud (32). Mohammad Selim (35), Sohag (20), Kazi Alam (28) Mohammad Kamal (28), Abdul Matin(30), Mohammad Moni (25). Rifle alias Russel (30). Rajon (29) and Dablu (25).

Two of them- Mont and Rifle - were tried in absentia. They are reported to have fled abroad. Acquitted of the charge are

Local JSD (Rab) leader and for-

mer MP Mohammad Igbal and JCD activist Anisur Rahman. According to the prosecution, the JSD leader was hacked to death on October 30 in 1990 by the convicted people at the town when he was going to his

After examining 37 witnesses, the judge pronounced the verdict in a packed court-

The PP Advocate Shahjahan

motor-cycle.

party office at about 8 pm from

his Raghabpur residence by a

Ali and APP Mustafizur Rahman conducted the case on behalf of the state while Advocate Saad Ahmed., Abdur Razzak, Mozammel Huq. Tofazzel Hossain and Abdul Matin were in the defence. After the court verdict, JSD

activists brought out a procession in the town in the evening welcoming the verdict.

One gets life-term for killing wife

Another report from Faridpur says : A man was awarded life-term rigorous imprisonment for killing his wife at Hogladangi village in Bhanga thana, court sources

The case, in brief, was that the convicted Insan Khan killed his wife Nirmala whom he married three years before against the will of his family. After investigation police

submitted chargesheet against four people including Insan Khan. Three other co-accused were acquitted. After examining the wit-

nesses and records Additional District and Sessions Judge Abul Mansur awarded the punishment on July 25.

Govt taking steps to make women self-reliant

NARAYANGANJ, Aug State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman on Thursday formally disbursed Taka 90 thousand as loan among 45 destitute women for Narayangani district, reports

This credit money was given to them from the Prime Minister's special fund for rehabilitation and welfare of destitute women. Speaking on the occasion,

the State Minister said, government's countrywide credit programme for destitute rural women have been going on in view of making them socio-economically self-reliant. Mrs Rahman said, the pre-

sent government is very keen to

make associate the women folk

in the mainstream of development activities. For the purpose, she said, the government have been implementing various projects in cluding mass education, voca-

tional training and credit programmics.

She called upon the loan re-

cipients to utilise the money properly for income generating activities. Organised by Women's

Affairs Department, the function was also addressed by Begum Shamsunnahar Khawaja Ahsanullah MP. Advocate Abul Kalam MP. Secretary of Women's Affairs Ministry Mohammad Enamul Hug, Director of Women's Affairs Department Rafi Ahmed Chowdhury and President of Narayangani unit of Jatiya Mahila Sangstha Begum Mamataz Yusuf

The function was presided over by Deputy Commissioner of Narayangani Md Habibur Taka 36 lakh 40 thousand

500 have already been dis-

bursed among 986 destitute women of 18 districts. The districts are Dhaka Gazipur, Narsingdi, Bogra, Jessore, Rangpur, Chandpur, Mymensing, Sylhet, Feni.

Dinajpur, Kushtia, Faridpur,

Barisal, Khuina, Jamalour,

Rajbari including Narayangani.



RAJSHAHI: Mizanur Rahman Minu, Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor inaugurating the tree plantation programme of Ciba-Geigy Bangladesh Ltd. through planting a sapling here recently.

72 industrial units set up by BSCIC

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Aug 8: A total of 72 new industrial units were set up in 16 northern districts of the country during the last 17 months under the auspices of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC). official sources said.

The newly established industries include specialised textile mills, husking mills and power looms.

According to sources, the government during the period earned an amount of Taka eight thousand 714 from the newly established units. However, the collection from the units is said to be not satisfactory, the sources added.

Only owners of 354 units out of the total 3,379 have renewed their licences. It is clear the government is being deprived of huge amount of money from this sector.

programme to disburse Taka 175 crore as loan in 16 northern districts during the current fiscal year, official sources said. RAKUB will disburse the loan for encouraging the rural people of these districts in crop production, pisciculture, animal husbandry, dairy farm devel-

Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan

Bank (RAKUB) has taken up a

development of these area. Of the total agri-loan Taka 102.50 crore will be distributed as short-term agri-loan, Taka 33.50 crore as medium-term agri-loan and Taka 14 crore as long-term agri-loan.

opment and for socio-economic

Meanwhile, RAKUB had distributed Taka 1.43 crore as loan to the rural farmers in 16 northern districts during the last fiscal year and recovered Taka 98 crore 10 lakh in this regard.