District roundup

FARIDPUR

Orientation course for imams

Aug 22: A five-day long orientation course for the imamscum-teachers under mosquebased mass education programme organised by Islamic Foundation concluded recently at local Shilpakala Academy auditorium, reports BSS.

Forty-eight imams who are engaged in mass education programme in different mosques of Faridpur, Rajbari, Gopalganj and Madaripur districts took part in the orientation course.

The participants were imparted training on different aspects of mass education pro-

Addressing the concluding function K M Nurul Huda, Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur, urged the imams to work in the mass education programme with dedication. Illiteracy is a curse and all should work hard to remove it, he said.

The function was presided over by Principal Mian Lutfar Rahman. Abdullah Khan Alam. Deputy Director of Islamic Foundation, Faridpur, also spoke on the occasion.

GAIBANDHA

Erosion devours 100 houses

Aug 22: About 100 houses of Datiapara (fishermen's village) of Kanchipara union under Fulchari thana in Gaibandha district have been eroded by the Brahmaputra river in the last few days, says BSS.

The homeless families have taken shelter on high land at Baguria and been passing their days under open sky in untold sufferings. Besides, the Brahmaputra erosion along Gidari, Kamarjani and Molarchar of Gaibandha thana, the Teesta devoured large areas in Sundargnaj thana

Over and above the lowlying areas of the district and the pourashava have gone under

Tree plantation programme

gramme to plant about four lakh saplings of different varieties in the thana, says UNB.

Meanwhile, under the programme 28,600 saplings have already been planted, official sources said.

It may be mentioned that the nationwide tree planting programme inaugurated by the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in last month is being implemented with much enthusi-

Another report adds: Jagadispur union in Badalgachhi thana of the district has been renamed as Paharpur union after the name of the ancient remains of Buddhist culture unearthed in the area.

According to a government notification of July 29, the new name of Paharpur union will come into force with immediate

that the world famous remains of Buddhist civilisation have been discovered in Paharpur area of the district long before.

PATUAKHALI Credit for

banana farming

for banana farming has been renewed by the Rural Credit Project Department (RCPD) of Bangladesh Bank for the current fiscal year, reports UNB. Official sources said, for the

first year, Taka 27,600 may be banana cultivation by Bang-Bangladesh Cooperative banks. For the second year, Taka per acre of land under banana

cultivation programme. Interested farmers and parties have been asked to contact the concerned financial institutions to take the facilities of the

Farmers' rally held

held at Amkhola government primary school premises under Galachipa thana recently, reports BSS.

Over two thousand landless farmers from various parts of the thana took part in the rally which was organised by the Mouchak Maultk Chhahtda Karmasuchi (programme for ba-ste need). Thana level officers, and members and chairmen parishads of the thana also attended the rally.

B'BARIA

Bid to violate girls: 2 caught red handed

Aug 22: Two miscreants were caught by the people while they were attempting to violate two girls near Kasba railway station, police said recently, re-

two young girls Shahanara (20) and Aleya Begum (16) while crossing the railway line on their way home on August 6 were attacked by the miscreants and the hoodlums tried to violate their chastity.

When the girls raised hue and cry, local people rushed to the spot and caught, Rokanuddin and Samad Mia red handed. They were later handed over to the police. A case has been filed with the police.

Another report adds : A man was killed and two others were injured in a violent clash between two rival groups at Bhaturia village in Nabinagar thana on August 10.

The clash ensued over the possession of a disputed land. Both the groups used lethal weapons during the clash. The seriously injured Abu Taleb succumbed at the Nabinagar Health Complex.

MAULVIBAZAR, Aug 22

Money lending business is on

increase in the district in recent

days at a high rate of interest,

bank credit prevent the poor

farmers of getting bank credits.

As a result, many of them de-

pend on money lenders for the

charge about 20 to 30 per cent

interest per month. Sometimes

they claim one maund of paddy

the interest on weekly basis, in

some cases gold ornaments and

bullocks are kept as security.

Many of them was musclemen

to realise the interest and prin-

Farmers urged the govern-

ment to arrange loan for them

on easy terms to save them

from the cruelty of money

lenders and help boost produc-

Boy killed in

road mishap

wheels of a speeding truck at

Lamua in Srimangal thana of

[12], met the accident while he

was crossing the road. Later, he

the truck managed to escape

Lawyers continue

boycott of

courts

Aug 22: Members of Noakhali

Bar Association continued to

boycott the courts of four judi-

cial officials and two thana

magistrates of the district on

Priday, demanding their imme

diate withdrawals, reports UNB

The advocates of the associa-

The judges includes, Anwa-

tion who began the boycott on

August 7 brought bribery and

corruption charges against

rul Hug, Giasuddin Ahmed.

Hossain Helal and Depen

Dewan and the magistrates are

Hartshprashed Paul of Com-

panyganj thana and Ruddha

The association announced

the boycott programme recently

till withdrawals of the judges

Chakma of Chatkhil thana.

and magistrates

MANDEE COURT (Noakhali),

the district on Saturday.

dired on his way to hospital.

A boy was crushed under the

Police said, Safigue Miah

Both the drive and helper of

cipal amount, it is alleged.

The money lenders collect

The greedy money landers

credit, Local people said.

against Taka 100.

The complex procedures of

reports UNB.

Two other injured Abdul Khaleque and Abdur Razzak were admitted to the health complex. Two separate cases have been filed with the police.

KHULNA

3 killed in two seperate incidents

Aug 22: A young man was killed when he was hit by a baby-taxi at Etigumbak area in Bagerhat district on Friday, police sources here said, reports

The victim, identified as Pushpa Ranjan Bala (25), met the accident while he was crossing the road. He was rushed to the Bagerhat Sadar Hospital where he succumbed.

with the vehicle and a case has been filed with the local police. Another report adds : A father and his son were electro-

The dead were identified as

father lying on the field tried to help and met the same fate.

A case has been filed with

MALJDEE COURT for higher

Aug 22: A new educational institution named Saikat College has been established at Char Bata in the district to facilitate higher education for students, reports UNB.

According to college sources, a 41-member convening confconvenor.

Prof Ashraful Karım was appointed as the Principal of the newly established college, the sources added.

It has been decided to enroll students in intermediate first year classes of science, arts, and commerce groups from the

With the establishment of the college a long felt demand of the local people has been ful-

TANGAIL

BDRCS starts medical aid programme

of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) started medical aid programme in the flood affected areas of the district on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Each of the teams consisted of one registered physician, one paramedic, two BDRCS youth members and one volunteer. The teams would, according to the local BDRCS sources, conduct medical aid programme in cooperation with the local Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) and district unit of the society.

The two-month long programme covers health services in preventive curative and health education sectors in the flood affected areas of the dis-

The team leaders are Dr Benazir Ahmed, Dr Pijush Kanti Maitra, Dr Mukhlesur Rahman and Dr Satful Islam.



Prof RI Chowdhury, VC of Chittagong University distributing prize to one of the winners of annual literary and cultural competition which was held on the campus recently. - CU photo

with the vehicle. A case has

been filed with the local police

girl of Barobari village in Sadar

Family sources said Rano-

thana of the district met the

bani (5), daughter of Namu-

kujan, slipped into a pond in

the vicinity of their house while

she was playing on its bank and

the dead body. A case wads

filed filed with Sadar thana in

Unregistered marriages

on increase

marriages is increasing fast in

rural areas leading to oppres-

complexities force most of the

people to avoid the registration

of marriages, local people said

Many dishonest husbands,

taking the advantage, are mar

rying and divorcing the women

as per their whims for pecu-

niary and other benefits: The at-

titude in high among the land-

whose marriages are not regis-

tered; very often, are subjected

to inhuman tortures for dowry

Most of them cannot seek le-

Daughters of poor people.

less and marginal farmers.

The number of unregistered

High charges and official

Later, the villagers recovered

watery grave on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, another minor

in this connection.

drowned there.

this connection.

sion on women folk

Unhygienic food served at restaurants, hotels

BARGUNA, Aug 22: Mushroom growth of hotels and restaurants in different roads. lanes and by lanes in the district town has been causing health hazards to the dwellers for quite a long time, says UNB.

With the increase of population and expansion of the town numerous hotels and restaurants have sprung up haphaz-

Local people alleged that most of the hotels prepare and store food in the most unhygienic way.

They also alleged that some dishonest officials of health department take bribe from the hotel owners and other shopkeepers on monthly basis to let them carry on their business on their own way.

They urged the concerned authority to take necessary

GAZIPUR, Aug 22 : Frequent power failure and loadshedding have become a common feature in the district headquarters and its adjoining areas causing great sufferings to the town-' dwellers for quite a long time, reports UNB.

Local people alleged that not a single day is left without power disruption and almost every night electricity goes off plunging the entire town into darkness giving rise to anti-social activities.

Erratic power supply has also affected production in the ideal mills, factories and workshops. Besides, irrigation activities for the IRRI-aman cultivation is seriously affected due to frequent power failure.

Moreover, farmers are unable to crush paddy and wheat for want of power supply as most of the rice mills run by electricity.

Fluctuation of voltage causes

Irregular power supply hits output in mills, Workshops, fields OUR, Aug 22 : Frequent damage to electronic goods, lo-

cal people alleged. Most of the streets in the district town remain in the darkness as most of the electric poles are with fuse bulbs or no bulbs.

The town-dwellers urged the concerned authority to look into the matter and take necessary steps to solve the problem with immediate effect.

Another report says: The father of a bride-groom was killed and five others were seriously injured when a gang of robbers opened fire on a bridal party at Atlora village in Sreepur of the district thana on Monday.

The dead was identified as Donobandhu Mandal (45) of the

Seriously injured Chitya Ranjan Mandal (35), Shantosh Mandal (30), Ismail (32), Mono Ranjan (35) and Fazlul Hug (40) were rushed to Razendrapur Health Centre.

Local people demanded

proper enquiry into the matters

and also demanded exemplary

punishment to the said

Sadar hospital due to lack of

One Kamaluddin (35) died at

Chairman.

Farmers at money lenders mercy for Wheat worth Tk 1.52 lakh complex bank credit procedures

From Our Correspondent

misappropriated

SHERPUR, Aug 22: About taken. twentyeight metric tons of wheat amounting to taka 1,52,000 meant for execution of one development schemes under Food for Works Programme have allegedly been misappropriated by the Project Chairman of Jhenaigati Thana recently.

The wheat was allocated by Road.

the development schemes.

assistants of health depart-

out in an epidemic form have so far killed 300 cattle in several unions of Sreemongal thana in the last few weeks. The worst affected unions

are Ashidrun, Sindurkhan, Kalapur, Mirzapur, Satgoan and The disease locally known as 'Khura' causes infection in

Cattle diseases that broke

jaws and hooves. Another disease known as "galafula" which cripples the animal has also attacked a good number of cattle, local people said. About 100 cattlehead were attacked by the diseases in dif-

ferent villages during the last Farmers complained that many cattle had died due to wrong treatment by the village quacks, compounders and field

They alleged that local livestock department did not take any measures to inoculate cattle since the outbreak of the

The field staff of local livestock department, however, said that the farmers were unwilling to vaccinate their cattle.

An eleven-member executive committee for Federation of Bangladesh Dairy and Poultry Farms was formed in the meet-

Concern Ministry during last year for improvement of Dhanshail-Mohangoni Bazar

It is learnt that the Chairman, Md Abdur Rashid took delivery of 52 tons of wheat. Later, out of total wheat, 28 tons of wheat were sold in the black market. The chairman submitted fake master rolls of

In another case, project chairman of Tatihati primary school development schemes under Srebordi Thana misappropriated 16 metric tons of wheat. The Wheat was allocated under Relief and Rehabilitation Ministry for improvement of school compound. But the said chairman took delivery and sold it in black market. Respective chairman also submitted a fake master rolls.

A written allegation was submitted to the higher authorities but no action against the chairman has yet been

proper treatment facilities recently. It is informed that Kamaluddin was brought to Sadar hospital with some seri-

there was no doctor on duty in emergency ward. As a result, Kamaluddin did not get any treatment and died after one hour.

ous disease. But at that time

Another report says that Bappee (4) village Kacharipara under Nalitabari Thana of the district were drowned recently She went out to bring water but found dead.

Deputy Commissioner, Md Ataur Rahman Majumdar inaugurated Fish Fortnight '93 in the district.

Md Ataur Rahman Majumdar released fish fries in pond which is adjoining his office building. District Fishery Development chalked out a programme for the fortnight.

Deputy Commissioner, Sherpur in his speech urged all including officials to make the programme a success.

Large number of cases remain pending for want of judge

KUSHTIA, Aug 22 : A large number of case remained pending in the district in the absence of District and Sessions Judge for a long time, reports UNB.

Former District and Sessions Judge Azizul Haque who joined on March 6, this year left Kushtia on August 5 on transfer. During his period he performed his court duty for one month only as he spent rest of the four months on leave.

As a result, a large number of people are waiting for decision and disposal of their cases since long. Additional District and Sessions Judge is now performing the duties of District Sessions Judge and for want of sufficient time he is not in a positions to give decisions on a large number of pending cases Local people urged the concerned authorities to take immediate steps for smooth running of judicial activities in the district. Another report says: Sale of

pant in the district causing serious health hazards to the con-Some dishonest traders are allegedly selling sub-standard and adulterated oil at compara-

adulterated edible oil is ram-

tive low prices* A large number of people in most of the thanas are suffering from the gastro intestinal diseases, medical sources said

Local people urged the au thorities to take steps to check sale of adulterated oil to save the public health.

Water-borne diseases alarming in S-districts BARISAL, Aug 22: Water The wheat was disbursed

MAULVIBAZAR: Fire damaged a house at Shantibag area of the town where property worth

gal supports against their hus-

bands due to lack of marriage

complained that some un-

scrupulous marriage registrars

are taking exorbitant fees with-

15 hurt as buses

collide in

Joydevpur

From Our Correspondent

15 persons were injured when

two buses collided at Joydevpur

a Dhaka-bound minibus col-

lided head-on with another bus

coming from the opposite direc-

tion on the Dhaka-Mymensingh

Of the injured, two persons

were admitted to the

Orthopaedic Hospital in critical

condition while others were

admitted to the Tangi Sadar

cles but the drivers, managed to

Ratib, 12, Shandha, 30, San-

war, 30, Dr PK Das, 45, Mari

am, 12, Shukkur Alf, 12, Ataur

Rahman, Mirza Aminul Haq and

Police seized both the vehi-

The victims are: Rehana, 26,

highway near Bogra at 10 am.

vesterday.

GAZIPUR, Aug 22: At least

The accident occurred when

out giving any receipts.

Meanwhile, local people

Borne diseases have broken out in Barisal, Patuakhali, Bhola, Jhalakathi and Barguna districts in an alarming proportion causing panic among the people, reports UNB. Local people informed that

diseases took an alarming form due to the indifference and negligence of the Health Department and the Department of Public Health and Engineering. The Environment Directorate, earlier, after examining

water samples from different districts of Barisal division reported that unusual 'Coliform' bacteria is prevailing in the supply of water of these districts that may be the vital cause of the outbreak of diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera and other water-borne diseases. High ratio of 'Coliform' was

different hotels, restaurants, some hospitals of these districts causing outbreak of the dis-Local people urged the authorities concerned to take necessary steps to check the

found in the supply water of

About 3,600 metric tons of wheat were distributed among the members of 9,600 dis tressed families in 10 thanas including poura areas of the district in the last fiscal year.

(VGDP) during the time.

quantity of wheat 650 metric tons were distributed among the members of 1,735 distressed families in Agailfhara thana and 736 metric tons of wheat among the members of 1,962 distressed families of Gournadi thana of the district.

The construction work on

five uplift projects in four southern districts of Barisal, Madaripur, Faridpur and Gopalgant under Public Works Department is nearing comple-

The projects include, construction of a modern hospital, establishment of full-fledged coronary care units and construction of a girls hostel at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College, officials said. All the projects are being im-

of about Taka 10 crore, the officials added. BKB realises loan worth Tk 58 cr

plemented at an estimated cost

districts of Barisal region in the last financial year. Of the total amount, Taka

5.35 crore was realised in Barisal, Taka 5.25 crore in Bhola, Taka 4.12 crore in Barguna, Taka 6.50 crore in Patuakhali, Taka 4.96 crore in Gopalgani, Taka 8.50 crore in Faridpur, Taka 5.36 crore in Madaripur, Taka 4.65 crore in Rajbari, Taka 3.88 crore in Shariatpur and the rest Taka 1.43 crore was realised from Jhalakathi and Pirojpur districts, officials said.

The loan was disbursed to the farmers particularly for cultivation of paddy, betel leaf, circle, 1,096 in Jessore circle vegetables, purchase of cattle, country boats and setting up of cottage industries, the officials

Tk 1.25cr land revenue collected

Another report says : Local Revenue Department collected Taka 1,24,76,000 as land development tax from 10 thanas of the district in the last fiscal

According to official sources,

of the amount, Taka 34.35 lakh was collected from Sadar, Taka 8.65 lakh from Uzirpur, Taka 20 76 lakh from Bakerganj, Taka 8.36 lakh from Babugant, Taka 6 lakh from Gournadi, Taka 7.60 lakh from Agailthara,

Taka 8.16 lakh from Muladi, Taka 5.64 lakh from Htzla, Taka 16.07 lakh from Mehendigani and Taka 8.17 lakh from Banaripara thanas.

Another report adds : Power Development Board disconnected 5,760 power connections in four circles under Khulna Zone till June 30 due to nonpayment of outstanding electric The board has an outstand-

ing bills of about Taka 5.50 crore mainly with the government offices, PDB officials said. Of the total connections, 1445 were disconnected in Barisal circle, 1,952 in Faridpur

and 1,267 in Khulna circle. Another message says that government has sanctioned about Taka 28 crore for Bhola Irrigation project in the current fiscal year.

Officials said that Water

Development Board (WDB) will

implement the project with the financial assistance from Asian Development Bank. The project includes, reexcavation of derelict canals and re-

construction of damaged embankments in the district. Government has sanctioned about Tk 28 crore for the implementation of two

projects in Bhola district under

Bhola Irrigation Project (BIP)

during the current fiscal year. According to an official source, Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) has been implementing the projects with financial assistance from Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The projects include the reexcavation of 200 kilometre long canals and re-construction of 30 kilometre embankments, the source said.

A large tract of land will get irrigation facilities and be saved from salinity.

Barisal district live stock department has vacci nated 2,90,270 domestic ant mals and 3,60,54,643 poultry birds in the district during the last 1992-93 fiscal year.

According to an official source, a total of 53,476 domestic animals and 71,616 poultry birds were given treatment in the district during the period.

Meanwhile, the department has produced 4,143 calves through artificial breeding.

The livestock department distributed 8,923 one day old chicken, 7,198 young chicken, 7,657 one day old ducklings and 6,272 young ducklings among the farmers.

There are 316 poultry farms. and 108 dairy farms in this dis-

Electrification of business centre needed

LALMONIRHAT, Aug 22 Business activities in Burimari an important commercial centre and lend port of the district, is being hampered greatly in the absence of electricity, reports UNB.

Established in 1988 the port is yet to bring under electricity network much to the inconvenience of the importers.

Businessmen from various parts of the country import goods and raw materials including coal, dolomite, stone, spices, orange, apple, mango, tobacco dust and timber everyday through this port from neighbouring India, Nepal and Bhutan, Local customs in the last fiscal year carned Taka 20 crore as duty from the imported

But due to the absence of electricity, perishable commodities can not be preserved and many of the imported goods are found missing as muggers become active in the night.

There are three banks, about 15 clearing and forwarding of fices and an immigration checkpost at the port.

men urged the concerned au thorities several times to provide power supply to facilitate the port activities. But nothing tangible has yet been done in this regard.

Local people and business-

The driver managed to flee

flood water. NAOGAON

Aug 22: Raninagar thans parishad has taken up a pro-

It may be mentioned here

Aug 22: Credit programme

disbursed as loan for per acre of ladesh Krishi Bank, NCBs and 17,100 may be disbursed for

renewed programme. PATUAKHAL

Aug 22: A farmers' rally was

According to local people, the

cuted at Dewara village of Dighe lia thana in the district on Saturday morning.

Nuruddin Talukder (50) and his son Maniruzzaman [22] According to villagers Nuruddin while going out of his house, early in the morning suddenly stepped on the live electric wire lying on a field and died instantly. Mantr finding his

local police. College setup

education

mittee has been formed with the Chairman of 17 Char Bata union Khairul Anam Selim as

current session.

Aug 22: Four medical teams

spread of the diseases by ensuring the supply water of pure water without further delay.

among 48,000 members of the distressed families of the district under the Vulnerable Group Development Programme Of the total, maximum

Taka 5 lakh were burnt to ashes.

Uplift schemes nearing completion

Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) realised about Taka 58

erore outstanding loans from 11