District roundup

COX'S BAZAR

Shrimp worth Tk one crore washed away

Aug 24 : Shrimps worth nearly taka one crore from 50 shrimp projects in Cox's Bazar district were washed away following high tide in the Bay on Thursday night, according to the district Shrimp Cultivators' Association, reports UNB.

The Association sources Friday said water entered into the project areas Thursday night as the high tide, five feet higher than the normal level had caused breaches to the embankments.

Some 500 houses in low lying areas of Kutubdia, Maheshkhali, Teknaf and-sadar thanas of the district have also been damaged.

TANGAIL

Body recovered

Aug 24: Tangail police recovered the body of one Shahidul Haque (30) of village Rathkhola Alows under sadar thana on Monday from village Berabuchna, reports BSS. · Shahidul Haque was al-

legedly killed by some miscreants on Sunday night while he was returned home from his brother in laws (sister's husband) house.

A case has been registered with the sadar thana None has so far been arrested.

PANCHAGAR

'Come forward with constructive criticism'

Aug 24: Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar has called upon the opposition parties to come forward with constructive criticism for giving strong footing to democracy, reports BSS.

He said, BNP government is working with sincerity and honesty for achieving socio-economic emancipation of the

The education minister was speaking as chief guest at a reception accorded to him at pourashava premises Pnchaghar recently.

Presided over by Chairman of the pourashava Shahidul Islam, the meeting was addressed by local MP Mozahar Hossain and President of District BNP Dr Abdul Aziz.

The education minister said, the present government has taken steps towards eradicating anarchism and violence from the campus and the society as well for giving democracy an institutional shape.

MAGURA

20 injured in rival groups clash Aug 24: At least 20 people

were injured, 10 seriously, in a clash between the supporters of two rival groups at Changhacha village of Sreepur thana, police said, reports UNB.

The seriously injured Abdul Hai (45), Abdul Hakim (30), Arab Ali (35), Sukuran Nessa (35), Akmal Sheikh (35), Nowsher Alt Sheikh, Hamidul Islam (22), Zahurul Haque (30), Ohidul Sheikh (20) and Nurjahan Begum (35), supporters of Abdul Malek Sheikh were admitted to Sadar Hospital.

The clash ensued on August 13 between the supporters of Abdul Malek Sheikh and Badaruddin Mollah as a sequel to previous enmity. Both the groups attacked each other with sharp weapons, iron rods and stones.

Separate cases were filed

with the police. PATUAKHALI

Card phone booths installed

Aug 24: Two card phone booths have been installed in the town here on Saturday in. the premises of Head post office, reports UNB

The booths were installed by Bangladesh Telephone Shilpa Sangstha to facilitate the local people to convey their messages in home and abroad

Local people expressed their satisfaction at the installation of the card phone booths.

Another report adds: A police team led by a Magistrate recovered 52 current nets in a raid on rivers at Galachipa thana on

Saturday. Mentionable that a huge number of current nets are being used in the several rivers of the coastal thanas for catching fish and fries despite government ban.

According to a report, more than 5000 fishermen are using current nets for catching fish in the open water bodies.

JESSORE

Opposition creating obstacles to normal life

Aug 24: Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Minister Tarigul Islam has said, the opposition political parties have been creating obstacles to the normal life of the people by calling frequent hartals, reports

He was addressing a public meeting at Barandipara in Jessore recently.

The minister said, the vested quarters have been trying to disrupt the development trends of the country when the present government have been striving to streamline all the working sectors paralysed during the autocratic regime.

The present government have ensured the freedom of press, but he said, Awami League during their regime took away people's democratic

The minister said, the present democratic government have been working for increasing production in all productive

BARISAL

'Sincere efforts can increase fish output'

Aug 24: State Minister for. Education Principal Md Eunus Khan called upon the people on Monday to take pisciculture as a permanent vocation to boost national economy, reports BSS.

The state minister, speaking on the concluding day function of the pisciculture fortnight here, said that the government would encourage pisciculture in all the water bodies of the country to engage the interested persons in this sector.

Presided over by Mamtaz Uddin, Deputy Commissioner, Barisal, the function was also addressed by M A Rashid, Divisional Commissioner, Barisal, Principal Md Abdur Rashid Khan and Ahasan Habib Kamal of Barisal Municipality.

MAIJDEE COURT 2 electrocuted

Aug 24: Both the father and his son were electrocuted at Anantapur village in Begumganj thana of the district last week, savs UNB.

as : Abdul Mannan Chowdhury (55) and his son Jamal Hossain Local people said, Abdul

The victims were identified

Mannan was electrocuted as the touched a electric wire while working in the field.

Later, Jamal Hossain met the same fate when he tried to save his father.

SHERPUR

250 families rendered homeless

Aug 24: About two hundred and fifty families were rendered homeless by the erosion of the Brahmaputra in five unions of sadar thana of the district during the last one month, reports

The river also eroded agricultural land measuring about four hundred across in village Vagaldi under Char Pakhimari union. The chairman of the union Elias Uddin said that these people had been passing their days in extreme hardship.

Dulal Uddin Sarkar, Chairman of Nalkura union said that twenty five families of Farabad village were rendered homeless by the erosion of Brahmaputra.

Both the chairmen appealed to the government to supply relief materials for these helpless

people. FENI

Fresh areas inundated

Aug 24: Fresh areas in three thanas of the district were inundated in last two days following swelling of the river Muhurt, on rush of hilly waters from across the border and incessant rains, officials said, reports

Water Development Board sources said the river Muhuri at Parshuram point was flowing 40 cm above the danger mark.

The affected thanas are Sonagazi, Chhaoalnaiya and Parshuram.

The Muhuri Flood Protection Embankment at Shahpur point in Sonagazi thana was threatened by flood waters and it might collapse at any moment.

The Feni-Khagrachhari road went under one foot deep water near the Subodhpur Bridge in the town and crops on 12000 acres of land in the three thanas were damaged.



KHULNA: Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman is opening a sapling fair at New Market here recently. - Star photo

Catching of fish fry by current nets rampant

RANGPUR, Aug 24: Massive catching of fish fry by the "current nets" has been causing threat to the fish production in five districts of greater Rangpur

According to informations, a section of fishermen ignoring government restrictions openly using current net, in catching fish in the ponds, beels, canals and rivers.

As a result, fish production is now on decrease. The fish fry is being caught and sold in the markets.

A high official of the Fishery Department expressing his grave concern over indiscriminate use of current nets in fishing despite government restrictions, said that fish wealth is now in great threat. He called upon the district administration and law enforcing agencies to enforce strictly the government prohibition in catching fish fry and use of current nets and mosquito nets in fishing.

There are around ten thousand tanks, ponds, beels, canals, rivers and their tributaries scattered all over the zone. Most of them are in dereftet state. Government step to provide financial assistance towards development of pisci culture is allegedly far from re-

From Our Correspondent quirement.

Every year, government is spending huge money towards re-excavation of derelict water to dies. But bulk of government fund is allegedly being misused for which the pisciculture programme has been facing prob-

There are allegations that the production of fish fry in hatcheries is much below the requirements. As a result, the farmers are not getting fish fry as required.

Experts believe that the planned pisciculture would surely solve the existing fish

5,265 tubewells

installed

· Another report says; Under the financial assistance of UNICEF, the Public Health Engineering Department has installed five thousand and 265 tubewells in 10 districts in northern region during the last fiscal year.

The districts are: Rangpur Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Nilphamari, Dinajpur, Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Bogra and Jaipurhat.

Of the installed tubewells, three thousand nine hundred and five are hand driven and the rest one thousand and 360

are tara deep set pumps.

Besides sinking of these tubewells, a programme for repairing and resinking of two thousand and two hundred out of order tubewells was taken up by the PHED in these districts during the same period.

But the target of the resinking programme could not be achieved due to financial problems, it is informed.

Bid to halt drug use Meanwhile, a section of po-

lice officials in cooperation with some local people have been trying to disturb the function of the newly formed anti-drug committee at Mithapukur, it is reported. Some youths of Mithapukur thana area had formed a drug resistance committee in a sincere effort to creak a strong resistance against indiscriminate drug use in the their thana areas.

The committee members however caught two drug traffickers and sent them to the thana police along with the gania bidis recovered from their possession. The police officials instead of taking the case against those arrested persons, uttered ill words and warned the anti-drug committee members not to come further with such cases.

63,960 remain out of school

85 p.c pry pupils attend class

BARISAL, Aug 24: A total of 3.07.404 children including 1,48,163 girls between the age group of six to 11 has been brought under Compulsory Primary Education Programme (CPEP) in Barisal district during the current year, an official source said, reports BSS.

According to a survey conducted by the thana education officers, total number of children in ten thanas of this district are 3.61,364 including 1,73,195 girls. The percentage of children brought under Universal Education Programme is 85.

A total of 63,960 children including 25,032 girls could not be brought under this scheme on account of various problems of the guardians including their pecuniary conditions.

According to the survey 19,122 children out of 22,441 were admitted to schools in Agailihara thana, 31,116 children out of 33,177 in Wazirpur thana, 25,744 children out of 27,719 in Gournadi thana, 54,702 children out of 56,721 in Barisal sadar thana, 19,581 children out of 29,807 in Babugoni thana, 56,523 children out of 69,721 in Bakergonj thana, 19,900 children out of 22,276 in Banaripara thana, 22,772 children out of 31,136 in Muladi thana, 34,910 children out of 31,136 in Hizla

The children have been enrolled in 945 government and 225 non-government primary schools in the thanas of the dis-

Another report says: a meeting of the implementation committee of the Compulsory Primary Eduction Programme in the district was held in the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner on Wednesday.

Mamtaz Uddin, Deputy Commissioner was in the chair. The meeting was attended among others by the district Education Officer, thana education officers, government offi-

cials and elite of the area. The meeting discussed various problems related to the admission and attendance of the children in various schools of the district.

The education officers are stated to have said that ninety thousand children in the six year age group including over

forty thousand girls were admitted to the schools. They also said that three lakh and seven thousand children including one lakh and fifty thousand girls in the six to ten year age group were admitted to the

The meeting was told that nine hundred and forty five government and two hundred and twenty-five non-government primary schools have been running the programme.

599 unemployed youths get training

Youth Development Division, Barisal imparted training to 599 unemployed youths on different trades during the last 1992-93 fiscal year.

According to an official source, training was given on pisciculture, type writing, dress making, stenography and poul-

try farming. Of the total, 85 youths were given training on type writing and stenography 194 pisciculture 42 dressmaking, 147 poultry farming, 131 on block and batique printing and 140 on business.



RAJSHAHI: Shaima Rahman (left) wife of VC of RU and president of varsity ladies club offering a bunch of flowers to the newly elected Secretary of the club, Laila Zaman recently.

Notes from Barisal

BARISAL, Aug 24: A total of 475 criminals including 111 members of so-called Sharbahara party have been arrested by the police in Barisal range in last fortnight in a special drive launched from July 25, a police source said. reports BSS.

According to the source, the reserved police force and the local police personnel jointly conducted special operation.

Of the total, 213 criminals including 107 member of outlawed Sharbahara party have been arrested in Barisal district. They were arrested from Wazirpur, Babuganj, Mehendiganj, Banaripara, Hizla and Barisal sadar.

Seventy-eight criminals were arrested in Patuakhali district, 45 in Bhola district, 39 in Barguna district, 54 in Jhalakati district, and 46 in Pirojpur district.

Besides, police seized eight different fire- arms and 22 rounds of ammunition from the possession of these persons the source said.

Discussion meeting on fish protection

A discussion meeting on fish protection and water resources regulations was held at the Chandramchan high school premises of Barisal sadar than on Wednesday.

The meeting was attended by a large number of fishermen, local elite, thana fisheries officer, district fish extension officer, fish survey officers, fish and livestock officials, and the members of the small fishermen samabaya samity.

This programme was taken up as a part of fish fortnight in this district.

170 bottles of phensidyle seized

Kotwali thana police seized 170 bottles of Phensidyle from the house of one Asman Khan of Kaladema village under Kashipur union of Barisal sadar thana on Tuesday.

Four persons were arrested in this connection, police sources said.

The arrested persons are: Md Eunus Khan (22), Md Azahar Ali Khan (27), Md Sultan Hossain Khan (35) and Ayanal Hossain Khan (20).

Aman cultivation

The cultivation of aman in the southern districts under Barisal agriculture zone is going on in full swing.

The zone covers: Barisal Jhalakati, Bhola, Pirojpur Patuakhali Barguna, Faridpur Madaripur, Gopalganj, Rajbari and Shariatpur. Meanwhile, 30,834 hectares

of land have already been brought under cultivation while 6,97,366 hectares more will be cultivated soon, an official source said. About 134 demonstration

districts and more will be organised in the next few days, the source said. Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) distributed 72,020 kilo-

grams of High Yielding Variety

(HYV) of aman seeds among the

plots have been set up in these

farmers during the period. Blind student pass SSC exam

Six students of local blind school who appeared at SSC examination under Jessore board this year passed in the first division.

One of these students got star-marks, a blind school source said.

Meeting of institutional heads

A meeting of the heads of the educational institutions o Barisal district was held recently in the conference room of

the urban educational institutions premises.

Three hundred and fifty headmasters, principals and other heads of educational institutions attended the meeting.

Deep, shallow tubewells installed

The Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) in collaboration with UNICEF installed 6,861 tubewells at cost of Taka 13,83,71,000 in eleven southern districts during the 1992-93 fiscal year.

According to an official source, of the total, 2,818 were deep and 4,043 shallow tube-Taka 11,83,56,000 was

assistance of UNICEF.

spent for the installation of the about 25000 women suffer from deep tubewells and Taka 2,00,15,000- for the shallow the district. tubewells, the source said. Of the total, 3,084 tubewells were sunkunder the financial

In the meantime, PHED resunk 1,337 shallow tubewells in the three divisions under methods. Barisal circle.

Biman carries no cargo to Jessore, facing loss of Tk 3.89 lakh per month

From Our Correspondent JESSORE: Aug 24:

authority is silent regarding the Bangladesh Biman has been A reliable source told this losing revenue earnings worth Taka 12,960 every day on

correspondent that even a Coffin can not be accommodated in the aircraft. Mechanism of the cargo doors is not suitable to handle cargo in domestic airport of the country, the source disclosed.

It is however learnt that ATP s a modest aircraft in size and accommodation to carry 62 to 70 passengers with a provision to carry cargo upto 1080 kg.

Biman now operating two flights a day on this route suspending cargo booking which causes revenue loss of Taka 3,88,800 per month.

veyor's belt at Jessore Airport Jessore Airport is the only has intensified the problem viclink of Khulna Division comprising ten districts of enue losses. Surprisingly. The Western Zone with the Capital.

Demand for payment of compensation money

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 24: Com- of revenue to the Government. pensation money of acquired lands amounting to Taka one crore remains unpaid causing sufferings to the farmers of Kazipur thana in Sirajganj dis-

Jessore-Dhaka Route due to

It is reported that booking of

lack of facility to handle cargo.

cargo except passenger's lug-

gages has been stopped on this

route much earlier causing

problems to industrialists and

aircraft in loading and unload-

ing have been identified as the

reasons behind the stoppage of

this situation started following

the introduction of ATP and F-

28. aircraft. Absence of con-

timising Biman to suffer rev-

According to informations,

cargo handling.

Technical difficulties of the

It is gathered that Siraigani Operation and Maintenance (O&M) division of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) have sent a proposal of acquiring 333 bighas of land to construct retired embankments at Khudbandi and Chormara in Kazipur thana about two years ago. Following devastating eroston, the WDB authority started construction of the embankments requesting the farmers to pay compensation money after approval of the higher authorities. One year have passed, payment of compensation of about one thousand farmers have not yet been paid causing suffering to the landowners.

While contacted, a source of WDB told this Correspondent that due to delay in getting approval, payment could not be made as yet.

2,69,294 acres of

land illegally owned A total of 2,69,294 acres of khas land has been grabbed by unauthorised occupiers in 16 northern districts causing loss

It is gathered that out of 3,21,508 acres of khas land in 16 northern districts only 52,214 acres have been leased out so far.

The rest are lying with the intruders. Districtwise break up shows that in Dinajpur district 3,323 acres are leased out against 17,431 acres of khas land, in Thakurgaon 2,414 acres against 11,903 acres, in Panchagarh 1932 acres against 11,943 acres, in Rangpur 6,576 acres against 20,484 acres, in Nilphamari 4,412 acres against 9,472 acres, in Kurigram 1,683 acres against 29,561 acres, in Lalmonirhat 4,222 acres against 12962 acres, in Gaibandha 4,623 acres against 27,970 acres, in Rajshahi 4,587 acres against 26,920 acres, in Natore 5062 acres against 32,354 acres, in Naogaon 5,432 acres against 45,993 acres, in Bogra 871 acres against 20,375 acres, in Jaipurhat 506 acres against 5,625 acres, in Pabna 3,860 acres against 15,000 acres and in Sirajganj district 3,090 acres of khas land leased out against 4,643 acres any bern out illan

Due to unauthorised occupation of khas land, the Government is deprived of huge amount of revenue every year.



RANGPUR: Ketwali police arrested four persons from a local hotel with forged US dollars recently.

Distressed women coming to town for job, food

BARGUNA, Aug 24; A large number of distressed women are pouring in the district town and its surroundings on search of employment, food and relief

The Food for Works destitute women and landless

people in the district. The number of women beggars are also rising in the district town causing inconvenience to the dwellers. These floating people, affected by natural calamities, are pouring into the town in search of their

It is informed that many of them have resorted to immoral activities for their survival giving rise to anti-social activities in the area. Local people urged the con-

tate these destitute women without further delay. Another report says: About 100 women die of pregnancy and abortion complications and

cerned authorities to rehabili-

female diseases every year in A survey report of a non-government organisation revealed that most of the abortions were performed by the untrained

nurses who apply traditional Usually, the illiterate rural

norance of family planning methods and they become confirmed of their pregnancy after two or three months when surgical abortion becomes risky. But most of the government hospitals and private clinics

women get conceived due to ig-

The report said lack of knowledge and non-availability of preventive methods were the main reasons behind the un-

married women. The report suggested that proper orientation and regular care by the field level health visitors can minimise the death rate of pregnancy of the compli-

wanted pregnancies among the

Role of Rotary, Rotaract clubs underscored

KHULNA, Aug 24: The 18th installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Khulna was held at the Khulna Club Friday, reports BSS. It was presided over by

Rotaract Syed Mohammad Obaidullah the outgoing president of the Rotaract Club. The installation ceremony was addressed among others by

the Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Shaikh Tayebur Rahman, Rotarian Rafigul Islam, Rotarian Sultan Ahmed, Nira Newaz and Kazi Hasan Newaz.

materials, reports UNB. deputy commission with Most of them are passing Mamtaz Uddin, Deputy Commitheir days in great hardships ssioner in the chair. perform the operations to gain due to lack of employment opmore money without consider-The meeting decided to plant portunities while some have at least 500 saplings of timber ing the life risk of the patients. turned to beggars. or fruit bearing trees in the premises of rural educational Programme was not enough to institutions and 250 saplings in check the increasing number of

livelihood.