

## District roundup

### CHITTAGONG

#### 7 injured in clash

Sept 4: Seven people including police were injured at the Bahaddarhat bus terminal following a clash between the police and the bus workers on Friday, reports UNB.

The Chandgaon police said while filing cases against the bus drivers for indiscriminate lifting of passengers at unscheduled places and for creating traffic jam by violating traffic rules they were attacked by the bus workers. Some of their men were injured when the workers started pelting stones at them.

Police said under compelling situation they started lathi-charge to disperse the mob. As a result functioning of the terminal remained stopped for an hour. The terminal was commissioned this year.

The injured were released from the local hospital after first aid.

Later, the matter was resolved following a meeting between the high police officials and the labour leaders.

### MAGURA

#### Tk 14.54 lakh sanctioned for uplift of police stations

Sept 4: Government has sanctioned Taka 14.54 lakh for the expansion and development of two police stations and staff quarters in the district, reports UNB.

Official sources said of the amount, Taka 4.88 lakh was sanctioned for extension and development of Sreepur thana building and staff quarters, Taka 4.70 lakh for repairing of Mohanmadpur thana building and Taka 4.96 for construction of staff quarters in the same thana.

Under Annual Development Programme, all the construction works would be completed in December next.

### NOAKHALI

#### New building for law college

Sept 4: A scheme has been undertaken to construct a 3-storied building for Noakhali Law College in a new site at a cost of Taka 60 lakh, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at a meeting held recently with the ex-officio chairman of the governing body Deputy Commissioner of the district Md Hasinuzzaman Chowdhury.

It may be mentioned that District Land Allocation Committee has sanctioned 57 acres of land for the construction of college.

### LALMONIRHAT

#### Goods worth Tk 1 lakh looted, 3 injured

Sept 4: Three people including a woman were injured and goods worth Taka one lakh looted by a band of dacoits at Purbasardubi village in Hatibandha thana of the district on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The injured persons were identified as Sufia Begum (45), Altaf Hossain (60) and Abu Syed (25). Among them Sufia Begum was admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

Eyewitnesses said, a group of armed dacoits stormed the village home of Altaf Hossain, Inspector General of Registration and beat the inmates of the house indiscriminately and left the place with the booties.

A case has been filed with the local police in this connection.

### SIRAJGANJ

#### 20,000 marooned by flash flood, 2 die of diarrhoea

Sept 4: About 20,000 people in five thanas were marooned by the flood water following the swelling of the river Jamuna, reports UNB.

Of them, 10,000 were marooned in Chowdhali, 3,000 in Kaziapur and 1,000 in Belkuchi during the period, local people and official sources said.

The river swelled by five centimetres inundating more fresh areas in the district.

The worst affected thanas are Chowdhali, Belkuchi, Kaziapur, Sirajganj and Sadar. About 17 villages in Sadar thana, five villages in Kaziapur, nine unions in Sirajganj, 12 villages in Belkuchi and 10 villages in Chowdhali were affected badly by the flash flood.

### DINAJPUR

#### Police unearth fake pesticide factory

Sept 4: Police unearthed fake pesticide factory in Kharole thana and arrested three people in this connection, says UNB.

Acting on a tip, police raided a house at Paikpara in the thana on August 18 and nabbed Lokman Hossain, Anwar Hossain and Anwar Begum for making fake Foradan pesticides. Police also seized some chemicals and other raw materials from their the factory.

Police said they were selling the spurious Furadan in the local markets for a long time.

A case was filed in this connection.

### BARISAL

#### 556 criminals arrested in a special drive

Sept 4: Police arrested 556 criminals including 69 outlawed Sharbahara party members from six southern districts under Barisal range in special drive during the fifteen days starting from August 10, official source said, reports BSS.

According to the source, the special drive was launched under the direction of the police headquarters.

Of the total, 158 persons have been arrested from Barisal district, 97 from Patuakhali, 51 from Bhola, 60 from Barguna, 59 from Jhalakathi, and 81 from Pirojpur district.

Police recovered eight different types of fire-arms from the possession of some of those people, the source said.

### CHANDPUR

#### Rain damages huge crops

Sept 4: Newly transplanted IRRI crops and seedlings on about twelve thousand acres of land were damaged at Chandpur irrigation project and Matlab Meghna-Donogoda project due to water logging following incessant rain fall, says BSS.

Crops were inundated due to accumulation of water within the embankment area. Two pump houses within the projects failed to strain out the excess water. As a result prospects of crops within the two projects are bleak.

### BARGUNA

#### Kanthas made of battered clothes on decrease

Sept 4: Kanthas, made of battered clothes by the rural women with their adept hands used to cover themselves in winter and rainy days, are in decrease in five thanas of the district, reports UNB.

The womenfolk in the villages are used to make Kanthas for their own families and the poor women used to sell their labour to earn money in making Kanthas and these were income generating for the poor women.

Due to expansion of family size, women artisans, who remain busy with their domestic work cannot make time as before to stitch Kanthas. Moreover, the labour cost of the artisans has increased with the price hike of essentials.

There are hundreds of artisans in the villages, to stitch Kantha showing colourful embroidery on the surface of Kanthas depicting scenic and aesthetic beauty of rural Bangladesh.

The folk art of the district is on the wane with the depletion of making Kanthas for want of patronage, high rate of making cost, price hike of coloured yarn, thread, needle and clothes.

### BRAHMANBARIA

#### Diarrhoea kills 3, attacks 700

Sept 4: Diarrhoea that broke out in an alarming proportion claimed three lives and attacked 700 other people in the district with the recession of flood water, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Juhura Khatun (10), Jhirshim (10) of Sreeghar village of Nasirnagar thana and Rahela Khatun (25) of Kalishmul village in Sarail thana.

With the recession of flood water diarrhoea broke out in six thanas of the district. Thana-wise breakup of diarrhoea affected people are as follows: 204 people in Sadar thana, 130 in Sarail, 100 in Nasirnagar, 75 in Kasba, 248 in Nabinagar and 10 in Banchharampur thanas.

At least 135 medical teams have been working in the affected areas to combat the spread of the disease.



Prof RI Chowdhury, VC of Chittagong University addressing a reception meeting accorded to the Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation by the local Hiroshima Academy held recently.

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## Excessive rainfall may hit tea production

From Our Correspondent

MAULVIBAZAR, Sept 4: Tea production in the gardens of Sylhet region may fall for excessive rainfall this year.

Collection of tea leaves and nursing plants are also being hampered for the same reason.

The Met office recorded 600 mm rainfall in the tea garden belts of Sylhet region in this monsoon. Only 156 mm rainfall was recorded last year.

Tea buds could not sprout due to excessive rainfall and for want of requisite sunbeam, some garden owners expressed.

The shady trees in the garden are also on the verge of extinction due to large-scale cutting. The want of such trees is also affecting the tea production badly.

Eukleptus, Krishnachura and other long shady are vital for tea plants as these save the plants from harmful ray of sun.

A section of wood piller is learnt to have engaged in indiscriminate cutting of shady trees. In cooperation with some dishonest staff of the gardens, they cut these trees and sell those as fuel, it is reported.

For cutting the shady trees, tea leaves are being eaten up by pests and insects causing heavy losses to the tea garden owners. Ecological balance is also affected by the huge cutting of trees.

The Forest Department and law enforcing agencies should take punitive measures immediately in this regard.

Owners of the small tea gardens are also being faced with the problems of processing raw tea leaves. Most of this type of tea gardens have no factory of their own. Raw tea leaves of these gardens are processed in other factories which facing transport problems and non-availability of space in such tea gardens.

Due to the said problem, small tea garden owners, in most cases sell their raw leaves to the factory-owned gardens at low price. A source of tea gardens without factories expressed that sometimes they are compelled to sell raw tea

leaves as they are not brought under processing within six hours of plucking.

To remove this inconvenience of the small tea gardens, a scheme was taken to set up three central tea factories in three places of Maulvibazar district. But construction work of this important scheme is yet to be started for unknown reason.

The said central tea factories will be set up at Kulaura, Baralekha and Sreemongal of Maulvibazar district. Expenditure of each factory was estimated at Taka one and half crore. European Economic Council (EEC) was to finance this scheme under the supervision of Bangladesh tea Board.

But the said scheme is now uncertain. Some tea growers were interested to set up this kind of central tea factory at private initiative, for those tea gardens, where tea production is being hampered for absence of tea factory. But they have to abandon it due to non availability of bank loan.

A central tea factory styled 'Longia Vally Central Tea Industries Ltd' however, has been established at Gazipur Tea Garden under private initiative. More tea factories are needed to be set up in Sylhet region urgently for boosting up country's tea production.

#### Two killed in separate incidents

From Our Correspondent

SHERPUR, Sept 4: Two people were killed in two separate accidents under Jhenaidag thana of the district recently.

One Asma Khatun (5) of Matyapara was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck bound for Sherpur.

reasons for the out-break of diarrhoea, doctors said.

#### One killed in road mishap

An unidentified man (50) was killed in an accident on Kishoreganj-Bhatrab road at Modhyapara bus stand in Katiadi thana of the district recently.

He met the tragic end of his life while he was crossing the road, witnesses said.

Later, the body was sent to Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. The driver managed to flee and a case has been filed with the local police in this connection.

#### Law, order reviewed

The monthly meeting of district law and order maintenance committee was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner recently. Md Fazlul Haque, Deputy Commissioner accompanied by the Deputy Civil Surgeon and Sub-Divisional Engineer Public Health Engineering Department visited the affected areas on Monday last.

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hava, Md. Mominul Hoque Khaleque, Chairman, Bhatrab Poursashava, District Adjutant of Ansars, officials of different departments, representatives of the educational institutions, bar association, business community, press club and the TNOs of all thanas.

The meeting reviewed the overall law and order situation of the district and discussed ways and means to check increasing crimes.

The meeting urged all concerned to extend co-operation to make Kishoreganj district free from crimes.

#### School managing committee election held

The election of the guardian and donor members of the managing committee of Chandpur High School in Katiadi thana of the district was held peacefully recently.

Md. Jashimuddin, Md. Murshid Miah, Muklesur Rahman and Md. Israil Bhuiyan were elected as guardian members and Mr. Md. Shahjahan was elected as donor member.

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## Notes From Sirajganj

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SIRAJGANJ, Sept 4: The Tribunal Judge, Sirajganj ATM Fazle Kabir recently sentenced one Zahidul Islam Uzzal to suffer 10 years RI and fined Taka 3000.

According to the prosecution, convicted Zahidul Islam of village Nabagram in Ullapara thana on 12.10.92 came to the office of Sirajganj Pali Bidyut Samity-1 at Ullapara and assaulted Amal Kumar Ghosh for alleged delay in extending connection to a proposed saw mills of Zakir Hossain of Raiganj thana.

The accused was charge-sheeted under Anti-terrorism Act.

After examining the witnesses and evidences, the tribunal judge delivered the judgement of anti-terrorism case of the district.

#### Seven JCD leaders expelled

Seven leaders of Shahzadpur thana Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) including the GS of Shahzadpur Government College Students Union were expelled from the party for assaulting the TNO on August 21 last at his office.

TNO Emdadul Haque was assaulted by a group of youths in connection with a project which was demanded by the assailants to sanction in favour of them without tender.

After lodging a case under Anti-terrorism Act, Shahzadpur police arrested one of the accused persons. The others are reported to be absconding.

#### Death anniversary observed

Sirajganj district unit of CPB observed the seventh death anniversary of Comrade Amulya Lahiri with Abdul Rahman in the chair recently.

Among others, Ismail Hossain, Shahidullah Sabuj, Ruhul Amin, Abdul Rashid and Fani Ghosh spoke on the occasion.

#### Month long water-logging

Month long water logging at Belkuchi court premises and neighbouring areas have been causing suffering to thousands of people.

Following heavy downpour Belkuchi court road is under knee-deep water. In absence of proper drainage system, people living in the government quarters and right-burning villages including Chala Adalat Para, Jidhuri and Garamashi have been suffering much.

## Construction work of embankment nearing completion

BARISAL, Sept 4: Construction work of an embankment at Bakerganj Thana of the district having water management facilities will be completed soon, official sources here said, reports UNB.

Financed by the International Development Association (IDA), the project will be implemented by the Water Development Board (WDB) at a cost of Taka 3.25 crore.

The project-work covered the construction of an embankment and two sluice-gates.

Another report says: Telephone and Telegraph (T & T) Board has set up two bureaux of fax service at its Barisal and Patuakhali Head-Office.

The fax-service has been installed the head offices in the

divisional headquarters at Barisal last Saturday and in Patuakhali last Sunday.

According to T & T sources, the new service has been installed to facilitate towards sending emergency messages home and abroad. The service is open to public, it added.

Meanwhile: the government has sanctioned an amount of Taka 65 lakh for setting up a TV-Relay Station at Patuakhali, under the Fifth Five-Year Plan.

Financed by France, the construction-work of this station will start on 1.55 acres of land near Patuakhali sadar hospital here.

The total project includes construction of TV station building, 120-metre tower and setting up of equipments.

## Defalcation of Tk 1.65 cr, three arrested

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Sept 4: Chandpur police arrested three persons in connection with the defalcation of Taka one crore sixty five lakh from Chandpur District Accounts Office.

The arrested persons are: Md Mafzul Islam, Superintendent, Abdul Mannan, Auditor of Chandpur Accounts Office and Md Shamsuddin Ahmed former District Accounts Officer, Chandpur.

It is reported that Bureau of Anti-corruption has filed four cases against seven persons in this connection. Four persons are absconding.

The other four accused persons are: Mizanur Rahman, Present District Accounts Officer, Md Jaher Hossain Rushdi, Headmaster Jilani Chisti High School, Shamsul Haque and Belayet Hossain of Zolaida Girls' High School.

The defalcation of the said money started from the financial year 1991-92. The money was withdrawn at different times.

It is learnt that the amount of government money were withdrawn in the name of development grants by false signatures of the high officials in the name of three private high schools.

The defalcation of money was detected when the accused persons were trying to withdraw Taka two crore fifty lakh by false signatures and papers.

On suspicion, the present

district accounts office brought the matter to the notice of the higher authorities in Dhaka. Two audit teams worked on the matter at two times. After proper investigation, the audit teams detected the defalcation of Taka one crore sixty five lakh and tried withdraw more money.

The prize giving and concluding ceremony of National Fisheries Fortnight '93 was held at Chandpur DC's conference room recently.

In this connection, a meeting of cross section of people was held which was presided over by Jumar Kanti Barua, DC, Chandpur. The meeting was addressed by Dr G C Halder, Sirajul Islam Khan Shahidul Islam, Prof Mohammad Hossain Khan, Golam Kibria Jiban.

#### Exhibition on saplings

NAOGAON, Sept 4: A sapling exhibition, organised by the Sadar Thana Parishad in cooperation with the District Agriculture and Forest Department and the Barendra Multi Purpose Project, was held at local Naogawan Maidan premises recently, reports UNB.

Al-haj Shamsuddin Ahmed, MP inaugurated the exhibition on August 4 while TNO Pranab Chakrabarti presided over the function.

## Diarrhoea kills 42 people in two weeks

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Sept 4: Diarrhoea has broken out in an epidemic form in different villages of Mitamain thana. In total 42 persons died of diarrhoea in different areas of the thana during the last one week, sources said.

Of them 39 persons died in Kajkhal union, 2 in Ghagra union and one in Mitamain sadar union. When contacted over telephone Dr. Enamul Haque, Medical Officer of Mitamain Thana Health Complex confirmed the deaths adding that over 150 people had been under going treatment in the affected areas.

The villagers of the affected areas alleged that due to the negligence of the workers of Health Department, the disease has been spreading fast. Md. Fazlul Haque, Deputy Commissioner accompanied by the Deputy Civil Surgeon and Sub-Divisional Engineer Public Health Engineering Department visited the affected areas on Monday last.

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A young man of Batrish in

Kishoreganj town allegedly committed suicide recently by taking poison.

Family sources said, the victim Farhad (17), son of Nowab Miah took poison following a family feud. He was rushed to the Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital where he succumbed.

In another incident one Jaheda Khatun (21), wife of Wahid Miah of village Ghoshpala under Nandail thana committed suicide by taking poison recently following quarrel with her husband on a trivial matter.

Both the bodies were sent to Kishoreganj sadar hospital morgue for postmortem.

Two separate UD cases were filed with respective police station in this connection.

#### Daring theft

A daring theft was committed in the house of Md. Sohrab Miah of village Betrati under Kishoreganj sadar thana recently.

The thieves decamped with one TV set and other valuables including gold ornaments worth about Taka 14,000.

A case has been lodged with Kishoreganj police station.

#### Prize-giving function held

The prize giving ceremony organised by District Fishery Department was held at the auditorium of sadar thana parishad on the concluding day of Fish Fortnight recently.

Md Nazmul Islam, Thana Nirbahi Officer, sadar thana, presided over the function and it was attended by Moulana Ataur Rahman Khan MP as chief guest and gave away prizes to the successful competitors in presence of a large number of people, officials of different departments, fishermen and elite of the locality.

#### One drowned in boat capsized

One person was drowned when a boat capsized in Uliar beel in Tarail thana recently.

Witnesses said, the boat carrying eight passenger was going to Jawar from Razi. The boat capsized when it was caught by strong wind.

The body was later recovered from the beel.



SYLHET: Magfuruddin Ahmed, Governor, Rotary District-3280 speaking as chief guest at the 4th installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Sylhet held here recently.

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## Shortage of medicine, staff hampers livestock uplift programme in dist

LALMONIRHAT, Sept 4: Lack of fund, shortage of staff and medicine are hindering the functioning of local Livestock Department, reports UNB.

Artificial reproduction of cat-head and extension of poultry farms are being hampered greatly due to lack of field workers and necessary medicines.

The medicine allocated this year by the higher authorities is quite inadequate to meet the growing need, official sources said adding that the allocation is almost 50 per cent less than that of the last year, hindering the government's livestock development programme.

The 400 cc 'Catasa' supplied to each thana can only be applied to only four cows and another important drug 'Mirex' sanctioned for each thana can be used as only a dose for a cow.

Most of the unions run with-

out any field workers although there is a provision for at least one field worker in each union.