

National

District roundup

CHITTAGONG

7 injured in clash

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

The Chandaon 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 Mohammadpur 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-storey building for Noakhalikai Law College in 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 Hasanuzzaman 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 Purbasorodhuli village in Hatiabandha thana of the district on Tuesday, reports UNB.

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

Eye-witnesses said, a group of armed dacoits stormed the village home of Alia 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 Chowhali, 3,000 in Kazipur 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 Chowhali, Belkuchi, Kazipur, Shahzadpur and Sardar.

About 17 villages in Sardar thana, five villages in Kazipur, nine unions in Shahzadpur, 12 villages in Belkuchi and 10 villages in Chowhali were affected badly by the flash flood.

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

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 Kalishum village in Sarai 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 Sarai, 100 in Nasirnagar, 75 in Kasba, 248 in Nabirnagar and 10 in Banchharampur thanas.

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DIANJPUR

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 Patalkpara in the thana on August 18 and nabbed Lokman Hossain, Anwar Hossain and Anwara Begum for making fake Foradan pesticides. Police also seized some chemicals and other raw materials from their 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 Sharabbarha party members from six southern districts under Barisal range in special drive during the fifteen days starting from August 10, official source said, reports BBS.

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-Dongoda project due to water logging following incessant rain fall, says BBS.

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.

BARGAON

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.

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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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Notes From Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 4: The Tribunal Judge, Sirajganj ATM Fazle Kabir recently sentenced one Zahidul Islam Uzzal to suffer for 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 Palli 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 Jatiyatabdhi 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 Abdur Rahman in the chair recently.

Among others, Ismail Hossain, Shahidullah Sabuj, Ruhul Amin, Abdul Rashid and Fanti 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.

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Construction work of embankment nearing completion

From Our Correspondent

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.

Meanwhile: the government has sanctioned an amount of Taka 65 lakh for setting up a TV-Relay Station at Patuakhali, under the Forth 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 Maafzul 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 Zolaidha Girls' High School.

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

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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.

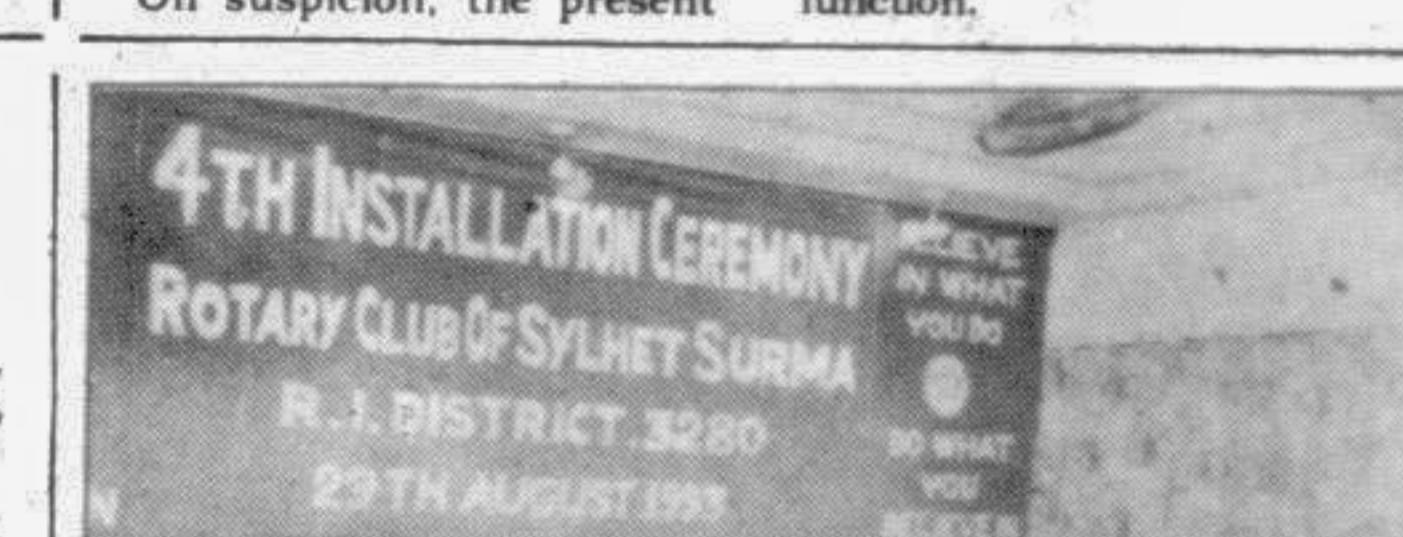
The prize giving and concluding ceremony of National Fisheries Fortnight '93 was held at Chandpur DC's conference room recently.

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

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 Naogajan Maidan premises recently.

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



Shortage of medicine, staff hampers livestock uplift programme in dist

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

Shortage of staff hinders the artificial breeding of cattle-head. 'Semen', a reproductive germ of high breeding variety, is pushed into the body of cows within 8 to 18 hours of its supply. But this cannot be pushed in time due to shortage of field workers.

Shortage of staff also hampers extension programme of poultry farms. One poultry sub-centre was built in each union during the past government, but these could not start functioning due to lack of field workers.

There was one inspector in each thana to supervise the poultry farms, but the government has recently abolished the post hampering the extension of poultry farms in the district.

A total of 260 Ansars of Syedpur GRP (Railway Police) are not getting their salary for the last five months.