

## District roundup

### NETRAKONA

#### Low-lying areas under rain water

Sept 5: Netrakona district has been experiencing moderate to heavy rainfall for the last one week, reports BSS.

Different low-lying areas of the town have gone under rain water has stagnated in the town in the absence of proper drainage system. The rainfall resulted in sufferings of town dwellers especially the office goers and school children.

Meanwhile, all the rivers including Sumeswari Congso and Mograw have registered a sharp rise in the water levels at different points. However the rivers were flowing below of their danger levels, an official source said here.

### NARSINGDI

#### Two jail absconders nabbed

Sept 5: Police arrested two jail absconders from Tongi area recently, reports UNB.

Police arrested Nannu (35) from Tongi industrial area. Following his statement, they arrested Khurshed (30) from Tongi Railway Station.

The accused fled from Narsingdi jail in April 1991 along with 10 other prisoners with seven rifles.

Police said Nannu and his associates were members of an inter district gang.

### FARIDPUR

#### College union's installation function held

Sept 5: The installation function of the newly elected office bearers of local Rajendra University College students union was held recently, at the college premises, reports UNB.

Addressing the function as chief guest Barrister Motinul Hossain, Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Daily Ittefaq said that without firmness of character only higher education cannot help build good leadership.

Barrister Hossain said that students contributed lot to remove autocracy and restore democracy in our country.

KM Nurul Huda, Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur also addressed the function.

Md Salahuddin Sharif and Golam Rabbani newly elected vice president and general secretary also attended the meeting.

### DINAJPUR

#### Girl commits suicide

Sept 5: A teen-aged girl allegedly committed suicide in the town on Friday evening, police sources said, reports UNB.

Rani Basak (15), daughter of Golap Basak of Bara Gurgola of the town allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself in her bed room.

She was rushed to Dinajpur General Hospital where the attending physicians declared her dead.

The reason behind the suicide could not be known immediately.

A case was filed with Kotwali police.

### LALMANIRHAT

#### One killed, 25 injured in road mishap

Sept 5: A man was killed and 25 others were injured, one seriously, when a passenger bus turned turtle into a roadside ditch at Musturi in Sadar thana of the district on Tuesday evening, reports UNB.

The accident occurred when the Kurigram-bound bus coming from Rangpur fell into the ditch after the driver lost his control over the steering.

The identity of the victim could not be known. Critically injured Abdus Salam was admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

A case has been filed with the local police.

### MAGURA

#### Work of four roads completed

Sept 5: Roads and Highways Department completed the construction work of four roads in the district at a cost of Taka 1.18 crore during last fiscal year, reports UNB.

Official sources said of the total amount, Taka 62.57 lakh was sanctioned for completion of Magura-Jessore road via Arpara, Taka 25 lakh for Magura-Sreepur road, Taka 14 lakh for Arpara-Kaliganj road, Taka 16.60 lakh for Arpara-Saikhra road.

### CHAPAINAWABGANJ

#### Tk 33.68 lakh Indian pulse seized

Sept 5: The Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized two trucks of Indian lentil-pulse worth about Taka 33.68 lakhs from a mango-garden at village Ranhat in Shibganj thana of the district in last month, reports UNB.

The BDR men of the 26 battalion. Posted in Chapainawabganj district, also picked up five people from the spot for their alleged involvement in the smuggling. Later, they were handed over to the local police station.

Acting on a tip, a BDR party rushed to the spot at dead of night on August 10 challenged those persons while they were busy at loading the contraband item into the trucks.

Besides, the BDR also seized a huge quantity of tortoise worth about Taka 1.59 lakh from Chapainawabganj railway station on August 21.

### RAJSHAHI

#### Holy Miladunnabi observed

Sept 5: The holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi was observed in the city Tuesday with due solemnity and religious fervour, reports UNB.

The day's programme included religious rally, Quran khwani, milad mahfil, discussion and seminar on the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SM).

Different religious organisations organised a big rally in the city to mark the day. Azan, Qirat, Hamd and Nath competitions were arranged at Shahmakhdum (R) Dargah Sharif Mosque.

Islamic Foundation has chalked out a fortnight-long programme on the occasion.

### BARISAL

#### Police round up 11 on various charges

Sept 5: Police in a special drive rounded up 11 people, including eight members of outlawed Sarbahaara Party, from different places of Barisal thana in last 18 days, reports UNB.

The outlaws were identified as Wahidul Islam, Nuruzzaman, Alauddin, Majibur Rahman, Rafiq Hawlader, Sohrab, Masum and Sohrab Sikdar.

Police said the drive began August 10 to curb criminal activities in the district.

The arrested were accused of killing, arson, looting dacoity and other criminal activities.

### HABIGANJ

#### 15 hurt in group clash

Sept 5: At least 15 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups of villagers at Zitka in Baniachang, police said Saturday, reports UNB.

The clash ensued following an altercation between members of both the groups over fishing in a disputed pond on August 23, witnesses said.

Both the groups used lethal weapons in the clash that lasted for an hour, they added. Among the injured, three were admitted to Habiganj Sadar Hospital while the rest were released after first aid.

A case was filed with the local police.

### RAJBARI

#### LGED implements 75 uplift projects

Sept 5: The Local Government Engineering Department has implemented 75 uplift projects in the district during the last fiscal year, reports UNB.

The projects financed by ADP included education and agricultural sectors and construction of bridges, culverts and roads, official sources said. The projects costing Taka 60.45 lakh were implemented in four thanas of the district.

### KHULNA

#### Reception to journalists

Sept 5: Khulna press club accorded a reception to the journalists who participated in the fortnight long training course held in Khulna under the auspices of the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) on Sunday, reports BSS.

The function was presided over by Shahabuddin Ahmed, President of the club, and addressed among others by Wadudur Rahman Panna, secretary of the club, editors of the local dailies and the participants of the course.



SYLHET: The local artistes are rendering songs at a function arranged on the occasion of 17th death anniversary of rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

## CPEP in Rajshahi Division

# 8.94 lakh children out of school

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Sept 5: The Compulsory Primary Education Programme (CPEP) in Rajshahi division has failed to attain success as about 8.94 lakh children are out of schools.

According to official sources, a total of 33,37,347 children including 15,35,614 girls between the age group of six and ten has been brought under the CPEP in Rajshahi division during the current year.

A survey report says that there are 42,30,904 school-going children including 19,72,108 girls in Rajshahi division. The percentage of children brought under the CPEP is 79.

According to the survey, 1,72,191 children out of 2,15,934 were admitted into schools in Natore district,

2,55,469 children out of 3,02,683 in Rajshahi, 1,38,436 children out of 1,66,876 in Chapainawabganj, 2,49,363 children out of 3,16,992 in Naogaon, 2,73,021 children out of 3,31,745 in Pabna, 3,33,546 children out of 4,18,421 in Sirajganj, 3,16,961 children out of 3,91,162 in Bogra, 89,997 children out of 1,06,583 in Joypurhat, 2,51,890 children out of 3,51,184 in Rangpur, 2,39,268 children out of 3,29,160 in Gaibandha, 1,63,184 children out of 2,09,969 in Nilphamary, 1,88,640 children out of 2,59,550 in Kurigram, 1,23,737 children out of 1,65,760 in Lalmonirhat, 3,05,638 children out of 3,71,431 in Dinajpur, 1,38,366 children out of 1,69,273 in Thakurgaon and

97,640 children out of 1,24,172 were admitted into schools in Panchagarh district.

The daily attendance of the pupils in the schools of the 16 districts are 74 per cent.

A source said, most of the children could not be enrolled in primary schools as their guardians prefer them to work for earning livelihood.

Many students left schools when their schools were damaged by floods, storms and overall natural calamities.

There are 9,262 government and 2,872 registered non-government primary schools in Rajshahi division.

Students in these institutions have been facing problems due to shortage of necessary furniture, black-boards and other important equipment.

## Shortage of staff affects pryd programme

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 5: A total of 312 posts under the directorate of primary education remains vacant in 16 northern districts affecting the universal primary education programme.

It is gathered that 15 posts out of 16 district primary education officer and 11 posts out of 16 superintendents are remaining vacant. Besides one post of education officer, two posts of MLSS and light posts of primary education officer have fallen vacant at the office of the deputy director at Rajshahi.

Other than the divisional headquarters, two posts of Assistant district education officer, one post of cashier, five posts of store keeper, five posts of driver, three posts of super, 26 posts of instructor, 12 posts of auditor, 28 posts of UDA, 16 posts of clerk-cum-typist, 14 posts of MLSS 31 posts of thana education officer.

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## Flood situation in Sirajganj

### Fresh areas inundated

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 5: Overall flood situation in the district worsened further with inundation of more villages and disruption of road communications in many areas, reports UNB.

According to reports received here Saturday, at least five children drowned in the flood-affected areas on Friday. Family sources gave their identities as Samina (3) of village Chaltabari, Babu of village Chakpara, Ratan of Bovrabari and Rahim (5) of Singabari in Kazipur thana and Jamila of village Sonatali in Shahjadpur thana.

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the road went under flood water at many points.

About 500-metre road between Dhunat thana in the neighbouring Bogra district and Kazipur was washed away by the onrush of water, snapping road communication between the two thanas.

About 150 feet of the Brahmaputra Flood Control Embankment at Makra village were also washed away, inundating 50 villages.

The Fuljor river swelled further and inundated 25 villages of Bhadrachal and Javali unions in Kamarkhand thana.

A total of 355 villages of nine thanas of the district have been inundated, affecting 75,000 people by the current flooding. Crops on 9,000 acres of land were damaged by the flood water.

Meanwhile, some 200 families have been rendered homeless in Kazipur and Chouhal thanas in erosion by the Jamuna in the last 24 hours.

## Defamation suit for harassment

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA Sept 5: A defamation case was filed at the court of Sub-Judge Gaibandha against five persons including Secretary Home and Inspector General of Police by one Hider Ali of Maltinagar, Bogra claiming Taka five lakh as indemnity on the ground of keeping him in jail for 13 months without any specific charge.

The fact was that Gobindagnaj thana police had arrested Hider Ali in April last year under Section 54 from Gobindagnaj Bazar and had been transferred to the Magistrate court, Gobindagnaj. Later concerned OC had submitted a charge sheet for interrogation in a dacoity case No. 13/92. But it revealed from the records that the concerned Magistrate did not classify the accused in dacoity case. Even the investigating officer did not enlist him as an accused of the case and sought acquittance of Hider Ali from the charges.

But the Magistrate did not acquit him after receiving report in June last year.

The case was however usually transferred to Sub-Judge for trial and Hider Ali remain imprisoned for long 13 months without any specific charges. On June 24, 1993 an application was filed with Sub-Judge court depicting the fact of imprisonment of an innocent person.

On hearing the fact learned Sub-Judge acquitted Hider Ali and ordered for his release. On the contrary, learned Judge also ordered district Magistrate to identify the persons involved for the imprisonment of Hider Ali for long 13 months without charges.

Hider Ali however, filed a defamation case against Home Secretary, Inspector General of Police and IG (Prisons), Deputy Commissioner, Gaibandha, Super Gaibandha Jail.

Human rights association, Gaibandha district unit will move in favour of plaintiff considering lack of human rights.

Haider Ali filed case claiming indemnity of Taka five lakh without requisite court fees on the ground of acute poverty.

The case was accepted for hearing and an investigation team was formed to inquire into the matter relating the fact of plaintiff.

One person was killed by some agitated people over the issue of a series of dacoities which took place recently at Gobindagnaj thana within the span of last one week.

On August 17 at dead of night a gang of dacoits with deadly weapons raided the house of Mottubur Rahman, lecturer of Gobindagnaj College. The miscreants looted away cash and valuables worth about Taka 25 thousand.

On August 14 a highway robbery took place at Kalitola on highway where a gang of miscreants detained a night coach and looted away cash and goods from passenger.



MYMENSINGH: The newly appointed Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Prof. Dr S M Faruk addressing the teachers and officers of BAU at a meeting held at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin auditorium recently.

## Two teachers suspended

SATKHIRA, Sept 5: Two teachers including the headmaster of Kaliganj Pilot High School have been suspended on charge of misappropriation of school fund, reports UNB.

They are headmaster Nurul Islam and assistant teacher Mrinal Ghosh.

Managing Committee of the school took the decision in its meeting held last week.

It was alleged that headmaster Nurul Islam defalcated school money worth Taka 1.80 lakh with the help of Mrinal Ghosh.

The Managing Committee also ordered Assistant Headmaster Fazlul Haque to show case as to why he should not be suspended as it was alleged he drew huge amount of money in the name of two false teachers and defalcated development funds of the school.

## Law, order situation in Barisal improves

BARISAL, Sept 5: A meeting of the law and order committee of Barisal district was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner recently, reports BSS.

Presided over by Mamtaz Uddin, Deputy Commissioner, Barisal, the meeting was attended among others by thana Nibahi officers of ten thanas of the district, government officials and police officers of the district.

The meeting was stated to have been told that the law and order situation of the district had improved and rate of crimes was fewer in August than the previous month.

Official source said that the meeting expressed satisfaction over the law and order situation of the district.

Another report says: A five-day-long training course for the

'imams' of six southern district under Barisal division concluded at the Islamic Foundation office premises on Thursday.

It was organised by the Barisal unit of Islamic Foundation.

M A Rashid, Divisional Commissioner, Barisal, inaugurated the training course.

A total of 72 imams of different sub-centres of these districts — Barisal, Jhalakati, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patuakhali, and Barguna took part at this programme.

The inaugural function was presided over by M A Wahed, Principal, Government Barisal College, Barisal. It was attended, among others, by A K M Mujahidul Islam, Field Supervisor and Abu Iqbal Mohammad Unus, Asst Director, Islamic Foundation.

## RU Campus now tense

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 5: Tense situation has been prevailing on the campus of Rajshahi University.

The conviction awarded to six Islamist Chhatra Shibir activists in a murder case has aggravated the situation.

According to police source, the activists of Shibir have taken position in Amir Ali Hall, Zohra Hall and SM Hall.

The situation in these three halls is so tense that the students belonging to other organisations have left their halls.

The JCD unit of the university is now divided into two groups — one led by Haroon and the other by Babul. The rival groups use to demonstrate their strength almost everyday.

The JCD leader, Babul was arrested by the police and he is now under three months detention. Babul was arrested twice

under special powers act and later he was set free.

The rivalry between the two factions of JCD may turn the campus with a battle field at time as was witnessed in February 6 last, it is apprehended.

Bangladesh Chhatra League is now in daggers drawn with Chhatra Moitry, the student wing of workers party.

The university teachers association, Rajshahi is now divided into two groups and both the wings are active.

The pro-BNP faction of teachers back VC, Anisur Rahman and the other group claim themselves as pro-liberation force lending support to pro-VC, Azharuddin.

The closure of the RU may occur at any time following arms clash, political observers forecast.



CHANDPUR: Fish fry breeding was inaugurated here at the local River Fish Research Institute recently.

## Doctors, beds, medicine inadequate in hospital

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 5: Shortage of doctors, medicines, beds and equipment has been hampering proper treatment at the Kushtia General Hospital for a long period.

The 100-bed hospital cannot cope with the rising number of patients. The existing beds can meet only 25 per cent requirement of the patients seeking admission.

Most cots and bedsheets are unworthy of use and these are rarely replaced by new ones, it is informed. Many patients both male and female who come from remote areas of the district return without proper treatment for want of accommodation and medicines.

There is no ambulance in the hospital for a long time. The serious patients can not be shifted to Rajshahi or Dhaka due to shortage of ambulance. Sometimes people can use the ambulance of Kushtia pourashava and other private clinics on payment.

The only X-ray machine of the hospital remains out of order most of the time. Patients are advised to collect X-ray reports from private clinics.

The water supply is almost absent and so irregular that most of the times the patients and staff of the hospital are to drink tubewell water. The drains, hospital floor and other necessary things of the hospital are not kept clean for which bad odor emits. There is no separate ward for patients suffering from infectious disease.

The government office timing is not maintained in the hospital and no doctors are allegedly available after 1.30 P.M. The visitors and outsiders enter into the hospital every now and then for which the patients feel disturbed. The cows, goats and rams are seen moving inside the hospital compound. Sometimes, stray dogs are seen roaming here and there.

When contacted, some doctors of the hospital informed this correspondent that there is no sufficient medicines in the

hospital. Both indoor and outdoor patients are provided with only prescription. The poor indoor patients have been suffering much as they are to purchase medicines from outside. Even the patients of operation are to buy requisite materials from outside.

There is no blood bank in the hospital and the patients are to arrange blood from outside and bring them from Khulna or Jessore. The diet supplied to the patients is below the standard.

The concerned authorities have been urged to ensure proper treatment.

## 332 uplift projects executed

MYMENSINGH, Sept 5: A total of 332 projects under development and welfare programme of CARITAS, Mymensingh region have been executed against Taka 4,70,24,970 in the last financial year, reports BSS.

CARITAS, Mymensingh region included 60 thanas of seven districts. The districts are Mymensingh, Kishoregonj, Netrakona, Tangail, Jamalpur, Sherpur and Sunamganj.

According to a CARITAS source the main title of the projects are co-operative and extension service, agriculture and irrigation, aquaculture development including pond re-cultivation, vocational training school, disaster preparedness, test relief, low cost housing, rural works, charitable dispensaries, orphanage and works under discretionary fund.

Malaria cases have been found in large number in all the thanas of this district in recent days.

The Civil Surgeon office sources however said that it had so far received reports of sixty four of such cases during the last one week.

## 'BAU can play pioneering role in poverty alleviation'

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 5: The Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) has the pioneering role to play in future toward acceleration of the process of poverty alleviation through agricultural development in our country. This was stated by the newly-appointed Vice-Chancellor of BAU Prof. S M Faruk while addressing a gathering of teachers and officers of the University, held at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin auditorium recently.

Prof. Faruk laid special emphasis on generating dynamism to the academic, research and administrative activities of BAU by initiating a strong system of monitoring and accountability.

## Diabetic assoc unit launched

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Sept 5: The district unit of Bangladesh Diabetic Association (BDA) was formally launched here at the Shahid Setu Hall on last Friday, reports UNB.

On the occasion, a discussion meeting was held with advocate Osman Gani in the chair. The Chairman of Chapainawabganj pourashava attended the function as chief guest.

It was also addressed by Secretary of the BDA Chapainawabganj unit Mottubur Rahman, advocate Sattarul Islam, and Civil Surgeon Matlur Rahman.