

National

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 Conga 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 Motiul 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 Basai (15), daughter of Golap Basai of Bara Gorgola 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-Salikh 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 Shibaiganj 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 items 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 khawan, 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 Shahmakhud (R) Dargah Sharif Mosque.

Islami 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 Sarbarha Party, from different places of Barisalpara thana in last 18 days, reports UNB.

The outlaws were identified as Wahidul Islam, Nuruzzaman, Alauddin, Majibur Rahman, Rafiq Hawlader, Sohrab, Massum 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 Zitika in Barisalchand, 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 LGED included education and agricultural sectors and construction of bridges, culverts and roads, official sources said.

The projects costing Taka 50.50 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. — Star photo

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.

Shortage of staff affects pry edn 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, two 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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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 Fazul Haque to show cause 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 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 immates 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, Asstt 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 Islam 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, Zoha 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 at 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, Ansir 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. — Star photo

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.

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