

National

District roundup

JAMALPUR

PDB realises Tk 1.4 cr outstanding bills

Sept 6: The Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) Jamalpur, realises a sum of Taka one crore and forty lakh outstanding bills from the consumers of electricity during this year, reports BSS.

According to an official source Taka forty-eight lakh was realised from Jamalpur, five lakh and fifty thousand from Nandina, Taka fourteen lakh from Sherpur, Taka twenty-eight lakh from Sherpur, Taka seven lakh from Nalitabari, Taka eight lakh from Dewanganj, Taka six lakh and fifty thousand from Islampur, Taka eight lakh from Melandah, Taka four lakh fifty thousand from Nakia, Taka two lakh and fifty thousand from Sreebandi, Taka three lakh and fifty thousand from Jhenaidah and Taka four lakh and fifty thousand from Bakshigunj.

B'BARIA

Huge quantity of Indian goods seized

Sept 6: Bangladesh Rifles arrested five smugglers and seized huge quantity of Indian goods from an engine boat at Aullapara beel in sadar thana last week, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, BDR raided the beel and seized 200 kg dry chilli, 190 kg sugar, 61 kg pulse and 150 kg catechu worth about Taka 91,000.

Kasba police also seized smuggled Indian goods worth about Taka 28,000 from Chandidowar village and arrested a man in this connection.

Meanwhile, sadar thana police seized 210 dozens of steel bracelets worth about Taka 11,000 from Sultanpur.

Three separate cases were filed with the police.

CHANDPUR

Heart disease treatment camp opens

Sept 6: A two-day Heart Disease Treatment Camp '93, organised by Chandpur Press Club, begins here Thursday, says UNB.

Persons having heart diseases will be offered free treatment and advice at the camp, first of its kind in Chandpur.

As part of the programme, a seminar was organised to create awareness about the disease.

MAGURA

PHED resinks 3443 tubewells

Sept 6: Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) completed the resinking work of 3,443 cracked up tubewells in 10 districts of Khulna division during last fiscal year, reports UNB.

Official sources said of the total, 278 tubewells were reinstalled in Magura district, 467 in Jhenaidah, 471 in Jessore, 249 in Narail, 526 in Khulna, 482 in Bagerhat, 506 in Satkhira, 182 in Kushtia, 140 in Chuadanga and 142 in Meherpur district.

The reinstallation programme was financed by the UNICEF.

With the completion of the programme about 70,000 families will get directly supply of pure water.

BARISAL

4,220 bundles of CI sheets for destitutes

Sept 6: Government has sanctioned 4,220 bundles of CI sheets for the construction of dwelling houses of the destitute people in the district during the current fiscal year, says BSS.

According to an official source, Japanese government donated these CI sheets for destitute people of this district who lost their dwelling houses in the devastating cyclone of April 29, 1991.

Of the total, 513 bundles of CI sheets have been sanctioned for Barisal sadar thana, 667 bundles for Bakerganj, 1,171 bundles for Mehdiganj, 582 bundles for Hizla, 387 bundles for Muladi, 228 bundles for Banapara, 145 bundles for Wazirpur, 31 bundles for Agailhara, 109 bundles for Gourmari, 228 bundles for Banuganj thanas and 109 bundles for Barisal pauroshava areas the source added. These CI sheets will be distributed according to the enrollment of the destitute people of the district made by the local MPs, the source added.

GAIBANDHA

Continuous rainfall worsens flood situation

Sept 6: The flood situation in the district worsened with the continuous rainfall during the last few days, reports BSS.

Vast areas of Gaibandha sadar, Fulchari, Sundarganj, Sadullapur, Palashbari and Saghata thanas were affected by the flood, indeed, for the fifth time during the current season.

People of these areas have been faced with untold sufferings. Standing crops and aman seedlings on a vast tract of land have been damaged.

FARIDPUR

Storm damages 80 thatched houses

Sept 6: About eight thatched houses were razed to the ground and several age-old trees were uprooted when a storm lashed a part of village Dhopadanga under Boalmari thana Friday morning, reports BSS.

According to additional deputy commissioner of Faridpur who visited the affected area, in the evening the storm lasted for a few minutes causing damages to kutchas houses. However, none received injury, he said.

The chairman of the union parishad is stated to have been instructed to prepare a report on the loss of property.

RAJBARI

PHED to sink 283 tubewells, resink 300

Sept 6: Public Health and Engineering Department (PHED) has undertaken a programme to sink 283 tubewells and resink 300 others in four thanas of the district in the current fiscal year, says UNB.

The tubewells will be installed with the financial assistance from UNICEF. Of the total tubewells 61 are shallow and the rest 222 are Tara tubewells. While talking to UNB the officials of the department said about 50,000 people in rural areas of the district will get the facilities of pure water after the installation of the tubewells.

Another report adds: Roads and Highways Department has taken up a programme to construct four kilometre long Rajbari-Pangsha road under Rajbari-Kushtia highway at a cost of Taka 54 lakh.

Besides, works of 180 feet long bridge on the same road are going on in full swing costing Taka 57 lakh which is expected to be completed by the end of next December, the officials added.

Comprehensive family planning programme

Sept 6: District Family Planning unit has taken up a comprehensive plan to bring about 60,530 people in five thanas under its programme in the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, the programme will be implemented in cooperation with various local hospitals and non-government organisations.

Of the total, 2,570 people will be brought under sterilisation, 2,780 women under IUD and 9,070 under injection programme.

Besides, oral pills and condoms will be supplied to 46,000 young men and women in the district.

A total of 36,280 doses of injections, 5,50,650 cycles of oral pills and 14,10,000 pieces of condoms will be distributed under the programme.

Naogaon district SSC students greeted for outstanding results

Sept 6: Naogaon district Chhatura Union branch accorded a reception to the SSC passed students of the district who secured position in the merit list at the local government Krishn Dhan High School auditorium, reports UNB.

Former Pourashava Chairman Md Abdur Rakib attended the function held recently as chief guest while Advocate Kazi Akhteruzzaman attended as special guests. It was presided over by student leader Mohsin Reza.



MYMENSINGH: Prof M Abdul Haque, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Convenor of the Council of Deans, BAU speaking as chief guest at the inaugural function of the literary cultural festival '93 held at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin auditorium on August 2.

BAUCSU cultural festival held

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 6: The inauguration of a three day-long literary and cultural festival under the auspices of BAUCSU (1990-91) was held at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin auditorium of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) recently.

In order to implement the scheme all out efforts were being made to provide maximum facilities to the farmers. Better seeds have been made available to the farmers.

Provisions have also been made to extend irrigation facilities through 176 deep tube wells, 354 shallow tube wells and 181 power pumps. GK project authority has undertaken a plan to provide irrigation within the project area.

The commercial banks have also been giving agricultural loans to make the scheme a success.

BSS adds: Police recovered two pigeons from Partikabari under Kushtia sadar thana recently and arrested two persons in this connection.

Earlier, police interrogated two persons from Daulatpur thana of the district and after their confession recovered the arms.

A case has been registered against them.

Terming agricultural education as a technical one, the chief guest further said that it had a deep linkage with the culture and traditions of our country. He urged upon the students to be involved with the creative literary and cultural activities.

"Injustice" costs her life

SATKHIRA, Sept 6: A damsel of a wretched family has committed suicide protesting "injustice" meted out to her by the village elders, reports UNB.

Feroza Begum (16), daughter of a poor carpenter, was brought to the village court on Thursday (Sept 2). She was accused of seducing boys and involving in immoral activities.

The court comprising Imam of the mosque, union parishad members and village elders found her guilty and punished on the spot 101 lashes with broom.

The cries of the young girl drew no sympathy from the elders. Some faint voices from her clang against the judgement were drowned.

In pain and shame, disgrace and disgust, Feroza, leaning on her sister's shoulders, returned home at village Kalkapur of Kaliangjhan thana. That night she drank caudaline.

According to the inhabitants of Kalkapur, Feroza used to collect shrimp pawns at the river bank and sell those to shrimp cultivators to support her large family. Her father, Khaled Mistry, has nine daughters and a son.

On Friday, police brought the body of Feroza to Satkhira where it underwent postmortem at sadar hospital.

Police said they were investigating the case, but none was taken into custody till Saturday noon.

Indian salt, phenisidyl syrup seized

JHANESHWAR, Sept 6: Bangladesh Rifles seized huge quantity of Indian salt and phenisidyl syrup from a boat in the river Padma near Chilmari of Kushtia district on Sunday, reports UNB.

The BDR sources said, a patrol party of Battalion-3 seized 200 mounds of Indian salt and 1000 bottles of phenisidyl syrup from the boat.

MP faces foodgrain misappropriation charge

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Sept 6: District Anti-corruption Bureau has filed a case against local Awami League MP Mirza Azam and three others at Jamalpur Sadar thana court for misappropriation of Taka 10 crore government foodgrain.

Mirza Azam is a foodgrain carrying contractor. He withdrew huge quantity of foodgrain from Jamalpur LSD Food Godown at different times during Ershad's regime. But foodgrain worth Taka 10 crore was not delivered to other LSD godowns in the district.

At least seven policemen were seriously injured by brickbats.

In this connection, District Anti-corruption Bureau investigated the case and filed charge sheet against Mirza Azam and other three persons.

A case was filed under Section 5 (2), No-2 of Anti-corruption Act in this connection.

When contacted, District Anti-corruption Bureau, Jamalpur informed that a through investigation is going on.

A cross section of people demanded exemplary punishment to the persons for misappropriation of foodgrain.

Another case has been filed

at local railway thana under Anti-terrorism Act against 28 persons including Awami League MP Mirza Azam here recently.

A group of unruly people led by Awami League MP Mirza Azam who attack on the policeman and damaged three government jeeps and one railway engine at Jamalpur rail station here August 15 during the hartal hours.

All the injured policemen were admitted to Jamalpur general hospital.

In this connection, a Sadar thana police Md Ilias Ali Miah filed a case while district Awami League General Secretary Razaqul Karim Hira submitted a case against policemen at local court for lathicharge during the hartal hours at the Jamalpur railway station areas.

Meanwhile, district unit of Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal, and Chhatri Dal brought out a procession which paraded the town roads against the Awami League MP Mirza Azam and its workers for terrorism.

Floods affect fishing projects in Moulvibazar

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Sept 6:

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