

District roundup

B'BARIA

Indian sarees worth Taka 3.8 lakh seized

Sept 19: Police recovered 555 pieces of smuggled Indian sarees worth over Taka 3.80 lakh from a boat near Shimrail village in Kasba thana Monday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, a contingent of police led by SI Abdul Mannan raided the area and recovered the contrabands.

A case was filed with the police.

Another report adds: A man was killed and 20 others fell sick following mad dogs' bite in Bancharampur thana of the district during the last few days.

The dead was identified as Shamsul Haque (25).

Local people said mad dogs were roaming in the thana headquarters causing great panic among them. Children and school going students are the worst sufferers. Most of the school boys and girls face the dogs on their way to school and home.

The guardians and the people urged the concerned authorities to take necessary steps to eliminate the mad dogs.

BARISAL

Poverty bar to CPEP

Sept 19: About 63,900 children including 25,000 girls could not be brought under Compulsory Primary Education Programme (CPEP) due to acute poverty, reports UNB.

A survey conducted by the Thana Education Officer also revealed that there are 1.73 lakh girls among 3.61 lakh children in the district.

According to the report, more than 19,000 children out of 22,450 were admitted into schools in Agailjara, 31,110 children out of 33,190 in Wazirpur, 25,745 children out of 27,720 in Gaurnadi, 54,700 children out of 56,720 in Sadar, 19,583 children out of 29,805 in Babuganj, 56,520 children out of 69,720 in Bakerganj, 19,050 children out of 22,274 in Banaripara, 22,771 children out of 31,136 in Muladi and 34,910 children out of 91,135 in Hifa thana.

The sources said at least 86 per cent children were brought under Universal Primary Education Programme. The children have been enrolled in 945 government and 225 non-government primary schools in the district.

NARSINGDI

'Participate in production oriented politics'

Sept 19: State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Mayeen Khan Saturday called upon the people to actively participate in the production-oriented politics introduced by the present democratic government upholding the democratic values.

He was addressing several spontaneous gatherings on the occasion of his public relation tour at Palash under Narsingdi, a PID handout said.

The state minister also visited several mills and factories at Palash and Ghorashal and addressed the workers there.

He said the present government believed in the politics of production, every one should work unitedly for the socio-economic development of the country and for increasing production in all sectors of the economy, he said.

NARAIL

Mosquito menace

Sept 19: Mosquito menace in the Pourashava area has assumed an alarming proportion causing untold suffering to the town-dwellers, reports UNB.

Local people alleged that stagnant water in the roadside ditches, derelict ponds and heaps of garbage here and there are the ideal breeding centres of mosquito.

Many derelict ponds filled with water hyacinths have been polluting the environment. Moreover, in the absence of cleaning, drains remained silted with filth for long and polluted water remained stagnant at several points causing health hazards.

Dwellers alleged that inspite of repeated appeals to the concerned authorities no effective measures have yet been taken to eradicate the mosquito.

They demanded to start spraying of insecticides without further delay to combat the growing menace and take steps for cleaning drains regularly.

SATKHIRA

Family feud compelled her to take poison

Sept 19: Two people allegedly committed suicide in Tala and Kaliganj thanas in last one week, hospital sources said, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Shirulla (20) of Ghina village in Tala thana and Safura Khatun wife of Mohammad Ali of Tentulia village in Kaliganj thana.

Shirulla allegedly committed suicide by taking poison as a sequel to a punishment imposed on him for stealing by village elders in an arbitration.

Safura Khatun allegedly committed suicide by taking poison on Thursday as a sequel to a family feud, Police sources added.

The bodies were sent to Sadar hospital for autopsy. Two cases were filed with the police.

LALMONIRHAT

One killed, 54 injured in road mishap

Sept 19: A night coach from Dhaka skidded into a ditch at Mujtubi on the Rangpur-Kurigram highway as dacoits tried to halt it late Friday night, killing a teacher and injuring 54 other passengers, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Abdus Salam, Superintendent of Kumirhat Madrasa in Aditmari thana.

Police said the dacoits looted baggage, ornaments and other valuables of worth about Taka 3 lakh of the passengers after the Burimari-bound coach hit roadblocks put up by the bandits and plunged into a ditch. Witnesses said villagers also took part in the looting.

An ambulance from Kurigram Fire Brigade rushed to the spot after the accident at 3 am and picked 35 injured people for treatment. Eight of the injured were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital in critical condition while 13 others were rushed to Kurigram Sadar Hospital. The rest were given first aid.

Senior police officials of the district also visited the spot.

CHITTAGONG

CCC Mayor leaves for Canada

Sept 19: Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin left here on Saturday for Canada to attend a four-day international conference beginning there on September 21, reports BSS.

According to a press release, Mayor Nasir Uddin will attend metropolis congress-93 in Canada as a member of the World Association of the Mayor Metropolis. He will also deliver a speech at the congress on different aspects of Chittagong City Corporation.

MADARIPUR

Eye camp set up, 500 receive treatment

Sept 19: A week-long eye camp, jointly organised by Jagobandhu Smriti Sangha and Dristhith Foundation, was concluded here at Pearpur Primary school premises, says UNB.

More than 500 patients received treatment and another 56 patients were operated upon in the eye camp concluded on Sept 8. Besides, spectacles were distributed among the poor patients free of cost.

MA Jalil, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister and Member of the Managing Board of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, was present on the occasion as chief guest while journalist Abbasuddin Afsari attended as special guest.

The concluding ceremony presided over by the Municipal Chairman was also addressed by Syed Sirajul Haque, Sohrab Hossain, Enamul Haque and Liakat Hossain.

PATUAKHALI

One commits suicide

Sept 19: Saburjan Bibi, a young woman of about eighteen, allegedly committed suicide at her Nabipoor village home under Kalapara thana recently, says BSS.

Saburjan Bibi, was divorced about two years ago by her husband. She allegedly took poison at night to meet the tragic end of her life.

A case has been registered with the Kalapara police station in this connection.



BID TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY: A woman field worker of a NGO is giving guidelines to become self-reliant. The poor village women also get primary knowledge on education, health, sanitation and technical know-how to earn livelihood.

Most khas lands under illegal possession

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Sept 19: Khas lands around two lakh and seventy thousand acres out of total three lakh and 22 thousand acres are now under the unauthorised occupation in 16 districts of the northern zone, according to statistics of a government agency received here recently.

During the past few years, the government had distributed 52,000 acres of Khas lands among the landless families.

The rest of Khas lands measuring around two lakh and seventy thousand lying in scattered corners of the zone have long been under unauthorised occupation of the locally influential persons, it is informed.

The measures against the illegal occupants of Khas lands are also allegedly progressing at snail pace. So, the recovery drive of the swallowed Khas lands marked little progress which has caused unusual delay in the distribution of Khas lands, it is further informed.

A section of government of-

ficials in collaboration with the illegal occupants, creating problems and resorting to red-tapism in the movements of files in a bid to delaying the distribution of Khas lands.

There are allegations that a huge number of Khas plots have been bagged by the landlords and locally influential persons procuring their allocations under fake names in collaboration with the authority concerned.

Proper measure should immediately be taken to enquire into these anomalies in distribution of Khas lands and to gear-up the recovery of the same, local people feel.

Catching of fish fry indiscriminate

Fish fry are indiscriminately caught out marketed in all the hats and bazars of northern region despite government standing anti-fish fry catching act, according to the allegations received here.

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ing the government prohibition indiscriminately catching fish fry and openly selling those to the consumers.

A pip into the town markets and the other hats and bazars in the rural areas of the zone would prove the allegation.

The consumers complained that due to indifferent attitudes of the officials concerned all the markets are flooded by different kinds of fish fry in the recent days.

The government initiatives to increase fish cultivation and to protect the fish fry are yet to be executives it is informed.

Train journey irritating

The train journeying between Rangpur and Patgram is much irritating and time consuming due to less number of trains on this route.

As a result, thousands of passengers travelling by train on this 80-kilometre-long route have been experiencing immense miseries for days together without any remedies.

5 absconding accuseds held, smuggled goods seized

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 19: Akhaura thana police of the district in a special raid seized goods worth about Taka one lakh 30 thousand and arrested five absconding accuseds.

The recovered goods contain phenylidyl syrup, sarees, sugar, playing cards, dry fishes.

Plan to cultivate transplanted aman

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Sept 19: Agriculture Extension Department has taken up an intensive programme to cultivate transplanted aman paddy in 10 districts under Khulna Division during the current season.

According to a source, a total of seven lakh 62 hectares of land will be brought under this programme. The source informed that 135,000 hectares of land in Satkhira district, 121,000 hectares in Khulna district, 110,000 hectares in Bagerhat district, 177,000 hectares in Jessore district, 11,600 hectares in Narail district, 31,200 hectares in Magura district, 77,000 hectares in Jhinaidah district, 45 hectares in Kushtia district, 40,000 hectares in Chuadanga district and 14,000 hectares in Meherpur district will be covered under this programme.

Bus journey troublesome

From Our Correspondent

MADARIPUR, Sept 19: Overloading, reckless driving of buses and trucks and frequent stoppage at unscheduled of places have become regular features causing much sufferings to the passengers in Madaripur-Barisal, Madaripur-Shibchar, Madaripur-Takerhat, Madaripur-Burghata routes.

In the absence of waiting sheds at the bus stands on these routes, the passengers have to suffer much during the rain and scorching heat. The children and the women are the worst sufferers.

JCD activists gherao DC's office demanding withdrawal of judgement

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 19:

Activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, district unit, Saturday gheraoed the Deputy Commissioner's office and submitted a memorandum in protest against the judgement delivered against their party colleagues in a case, reports UNB.

Sadar Thana Magistrate, Ferdous Hossain, in a judgement delivered on Wednesday sentenced five JCD leaders one month rigorous imprisonment each and fined them Taka 500 each for attacking the house of a businessman.

The accused JCD leaders are: General Secretary of Sirajganj Government College Students' Union Sadrur Rahman Bachchu, Masud Rana, Abu Taleb, Jahangir Alam and Sabuj.

On June 19, 1991, a JCD procession led by the five leaders swooped on the house of Shamim Alam Bachchu at Victoria Quarters at the town and damaged the household articles.

Later, Bachchu filed a case

5 commit suicide in 15 days

MAGURA, Sept 19: Four people, including three young women, were committed suicide in four separate incidents in two thanas of the district in the last fortnight, reports UNB.

Of them, Shariful Islam (30), son of Yaruddin of village Bishnoipur and Helena Begum, daughter of Conjer Ali of village Dharmadaha in sadar thana committed suicide by taking poison on September 11 and 4 respectively.

While Rezia Begum (14), daughter of Lal Miah of village Nakoli and Rabeya Khatun (20), wife of Harej Uddin of village Mangondanga in Sreepur thana committed suicide by hanging themselves on September 3.

Causes of their suicide were not known immediately. Separate cases were filed with sadar and Sreepur thana in this connection.

Another report from Satkhira adds: A young housewife of village Schera in Kaliganj thana allegedly committed suicide by taking poison following a family feud on Wednesday.

Rupia Begum (24), wife of Akbar Ali, killed herself by taking endrine after a quarrel with her mother-in-law, Akbar Ali's family sources said.

But members of Rupia's family filed a case with the local police alleging that she was beaten to death by her in-laws.

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Wife kills husband

Another report says: A man was allegedly killed by his wife and father-in-law at Nishin-tapur village in Rayganj thana on Thursday.

The dead identified as Jamal who married China Khatun (18) daughter of Abed Ali of Royhati Diardhangora village of the same thana last year.

Family sources said China left her husband's house on September 14 following a quarrel with Jamal.

Clash over teasing of girl, 10 injured

MAGURA, Sept 19: At least 10 people were injured, four seriously, in a clash between two rival groups at village Kashinatpur in sadar thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

The clash ensued over teasing and insulting of a teen-aged girl by a group of musclemen of the same village, local people said.

On Saturday, on her way home from a neighbouring house, daughter of Asgar Ali was teased and insulted by the group allegedly led by Muhammad Elias Ali of the same village.

On returning home the girl informed the matter to her father which caused a quarrel among the supporters of Asgar Ali and Elias Ali and both the groups attacked each other with lethal weapons which left five people injured of both the groups, local people said.

A case was registered with Sreepur police in this connection but none was arrested yet.

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No case was filed in this connection.

Five people, including a woman, were injured, two seriously, in another clash between two rival groups of people of village Khalia in Sreepur thana on Sunday.

Seriously injured Goliab Nabi (35) and Shila Rani (30) were admitted to sadar hospital in a critical condition, hospital sources said.

The clash was a sequel of previous enmity between Goliab Nabi and Sunil Kumar of the same village. Supporters of both the groups engaged in clash after exchanging of hot words and attacked each other with lethal weapons which left five people injured of both the groups, local people said.

A case was registered with Sreepur police in this connection but none was arrested yet.

Tk 50,000 for edn programme

BARISAL, Sept 19: Government has sanctioned Taka 50,000 for Mass Education Programme in Barisal Pourashava area during the current financial year, reports UNB.

According to official sources, President Abdur Rahman Biswas donated the said amount of taka from his personal fund for the successful implementation of the programme.

At least 29 education centres are entrusted with the responsibility of mass education in the district.

Another report adds: State Minister for Education Principal Md Yunus Khan called upon the people to take pisciculture as an occupation to boost national economy.

He was addressing at the concluding ceremony of the Pisciculture fortnight here Monday. The State Minister said the government would do everything to encourage pisciculture to make the country self

sufficient in fish output. Presided over by Deputy Commissioner Mamtazuddin, the function was also addressed by Barisal Divisional Commissioner MA Rashid.

30,838 hectares under aman cultivation

About 30,838 hectares of land have been brought under aman cultivation programme in 11 southern districts under the Barisal Agriculture Zone during the current season.

The districts are: Barisal, Patuakhali, Barguna, Bhola, Pirojpur, Jhalokathi, Shariatpur, Gopalganj, Faridpur, Rajbari and Madaripur.

More than 130 demonstration plots have been set up in these districts and some more plots will be established soon to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation distributed about 72,000 kgs of

aman seeds among the farmers during the same period to make the scheme a success.

6,868 tubewells installed

Another report says: Public Health Engineering Department installed 6,868 tubewells both shallow and deep in the 11 southern districts during last financial year.

The districts are: Barisal, Patuakhali, Barguna, Bhola, Pirojpur, Jhalokathi, Shariatpur, Gopalganj, Faridpur, Rajbari and Madaripur.

The department installed these tubewells with the collaboration and assistance of UNICEF.

Official sources said of the total 2,830 were deep tubewells and the rest were shallow. UNICEF installed about 3000 tubewells with their own expenses.

The department also resunk 1340 shallow tubewells in these districts during the same period.



CHANDPUR: The local central Rotary Club recently donated four baby cots to the district hospital.

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