LALMONIRHAT

## One gets life-term for murdering his wife

Oct 18: The District and Sessions Judge awarded a man life imprisonment and fined Taka 2,000, in default, to suffer six months more RI for murdering his wife, reports UNB.

The prosecution story, in brief, was that the convict Rostum Ali of Sundarmati village in sadar thana killed his wife Rezia Khatoon by strangling on June 19, '91 and hid her in a nearby paddy field.

The father of the victim later filed a murder case and police after investigation submitted charge sheet against the ac-

After examining the witnesses and records the Judge Ali Ashraf Khan Lodi delivered the judgement on Sept 29.

#### **B'BARIA**

## Huge arms, ammunition . recovered

Oct 18: Huge quantity of arms and ammunition were recovered by the Brahmanbaria police during the last nine months, reports UNB.

It including six pipe guns, two revolvers, one cut rifle, one air gun, eight gun ammunition. four rounds of bullets of 303 rifle, five rounds of bullets of

During the operations, police also arrested 63 dacoits and recovered goods worth about Taka one lakh from their possession. Separate cases were lodged

with the police stations.

NETRAKONA

## Corruption charge for misuse of govt money

Oct 18: Anti-Corruption Bureau filed a case against the former chairman of Mohangani pourashava on charge of misappropriation of government money amounting to over Taka -

one lakh, says UNB. According to the sources, Amir Uddin Ahmed, the former chairman had realised Taka 1,10,100 in cash as trade licence fee from local businessmen and reportedly misapproprinted the entire amount.

On receiving the complaint the department investigated the matter and later filed a defalcation case with the Mohangan police station.

## MAGURA

## Test relief programme for 210 schemes

Oct 18: Government has sanctioned 317 metric tons of wheat under the Test Relief Programme for the implementation of 210 uplift schemes in four thanas, reports UNB.

Relief and Rehabilitation of ficials said 111 metric tons were sanctioned for sadar, 83 metric tons for Sreepur, 63 metric tons for Mohammadpur and 60 metric tons for Salikha thanas.

The schemes include earth works of different roads, playgrounds of schools and colleges. tree planting and cleaning of drains and bushes.

Another message adds: The Postal Department has selected three of their employees of the district as best workers of Khulna division during the current year.

They are Mohammad Abdul Hamid Mia. Postman of Nohata sub-post office of Mohammadpur thana in Magura district Gour Chandra Rajak of Magura-Binodpur line and Md Belal Hossain Mia of Kazipur post office.

## JAMALPUR

## Clash leaves 15 injured

Oct 18: At least 15 students were injured, three seriously, in a clash between the two rival groups of students on Melanda Government College campus Monday, reports UNB.

According to the sources "close to the college students" union, the clash ensued when procession of Chhatra League (M-I) came allegedly under attack by the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal. BCL brought out the procession demanding the ban on the politics of Jamaat-Shibir

Seriously injured Chhatra League leaders Khokon, Rafique and Sawkat were admitted to were released after first aid.

the local hospital while others A case was registered with the Melanda police.

#### **JESSORE**

## Huge fish output project undertaken

Oct 18: The fisheries directorate has undertaken a development programme under Oxbow Lake small scale fishermen project, reports BSS.

Under the programme, 30 baors of Jessore, Jhenidah, Chuad-anga, Kushtia and Faridpur district will be developed at a total cost of Taka 31 crore. The project involved a grant of Taka 22.62 crore by IFAD. The Danida will contribute technical assistance amounting to Taka 7.3 crore while a contribution from Bangladesh govt amounting Taka 1.36.

The project is expected to be completed in June 1995 when there would be an additional production of 2321 metric tons of different types of fishes in these districts. About 2850 fishermen would be provided

with part-time employment. The objectives of this project is to provide nutritious food to the people, bring socio-economic development of these areas and ensure flow of fish supplies to the local markets.

#### Rajshahi

## Plan to observe immunisation publicity week

Oct 18: Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) has undertaken a comprehensive programme to observe the "National Immunisation Publicity Week '93" from October 14 to 21, an official handout said Monday, reports BSS.

The programmes include children's fair, children's art competition, rickshaw rally, bicycle race, inauguration o sculpture and prize distribution function.

Different Non-Government Organisations, local units of international organisations, educational institutions, scout and government health and family planning department will hold programmes to implement the immunisation week smoothly.

Rallies from five points of the city will assemble at the city corporation ground on the inaugural day and Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu will inaugurate the week there.

## BARISAL

## Seminar on sanitation

Oct 16: A day long seminar on 'sanitation in the bosti areas and water supply in the urban areas was held at the Aswini Kumar town hall recently, re-

Jointly organised by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) and Barlsa Paurashava, the seminar was presided over by Ahsan Habib Kamal, Paurashava Administrator. It was attended by MA Rashid, Divisional Commissioner, as chief guest and Kazi Nasir Uddin Ahmed, Superin-tending Engineer, Public Health Engineering Department of Bartsal Circle, as special guest.

Rashed in his speech said. sanitation and drinking water supply were most essential to check water born diseases:

## RANGPUR

## Juwellers' Assoc demands release of its member

Oct 18: Juwellers Association of the district urged the government Saturday to release its arrested member immediately, says UNB.

The association leaders at press conference said the allegation brought against Nitai Chandra Karmaker was false and fabricated. He was not involved with the smuggling.

Nitai Chandra, owner o Uttam jewellery shop, was ar rested on Wednesday for his alleged involvement with gold smuggling.

The leaders said they would be forced to go for action programme if the arrested member is not released within seven

## SATKHIRA

## Women rescued,

## one arrested

Oct 18: Police rescued a middle-aged woman from the town on Monday who was abducted on August 6 by a gang of miscreants, reports UNB.

The victim Satirani, mother of four children and wife of Brindabon Mondal of Faizullahpur in Sadar thana, was kidnapped by the hoodlums from her residence.



SYLHET: A rally was brought out at the town in observance of World Aging - Star photo

# Farmers selling crops in advance for crisis

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Oct 18: The poor farmers of the selling their crops in advance to the money lenders at a nominal price due to their economic hardship.

The farmers informed that they do not even get fair prices of their harvested crops due to faulty marketing and loan system. Taking advantage of the situation, the money lenders are doing brisk business by giving credit at a high interest rate against security of standing

Moreover, a large number of landless agri-labourers have been passing their days in extreme hardship due to absence of work and are compelled to sell their household articles and domestic animals to maintain their livelihood.

Prices of bullock, goats have also recorded a sharp fall as a large numbers of farmers are forced to sell their draft animals due to acute shortage of fodder.

Besides, the peasants who cultivated jute on a vast acres

of land in the current season have been facing problem due to sharp fall in its prices. About 300 houses in their

riverbelt areas of Ulipur and Kurigram sadar thanas of the district have been devoured by the river Teesta and Dharla during the last few days. The erosion of the river

Teesta and Pharla at different places of there thanas has been continuing. The water level of the river Dharla and Teesta registered a

sharp fall from September 24. The villages which have been eroded by the rivers are Dharlaghat ares, Panchgachi. Sandarpara, Holokhana, Thetrai, and Dakbanglar char

The homeless people have taken shelter on the roads and embankment and they are passing day with great difficulty. No relief materials have reached to the sufferers

The executive committee of Kurigram Zila Krira Sangstha was formed recently in a meeting held with Deputy Commissioner, Kurigram in the

The members of the 23members executive committee are : President-Mohammad Abdul Haque, DC, Vice-Presidents-Aman Ukil and Chowdhury Shafigul Islam, General Secretary-Prof Mostafa Khandoker, Joint Secretaries Serajul Islam and Abu Bakar

Treasurer - Biswanath Rudra, Members - Utpal Kanti Roy Bhulu, Rezaul Karim Raju, Abdul Matin, Gobinda Banarjee. Mahfuzar Rahman, Arshad Hussain Dipon, Mostafizar Rahman, Nuran Nabi, Muslim Uddin, Tapas Majhi Das, Linan Nahar, and Shirin Banu. Thana Representatives: Bakul (Ulipur) and Azizur Rahman (Fulbari).

# Fodder crisis: cattle hard-hit

SHERPUR, Oct 18: Acute scarcity of fodder has been per sisting in different areas of the district as the floods damaged grass and other kinds of fodder like straw this year

Informed sources said, farmers have been facing difficulties for feeding their cows, goats and bullock. About 50 per cent cattle are completely or partially starving for months together. Fodder scarcity has also resulted in the gradual loss of health of cattle and sharp fall of the supply of milk.

Prices of straw have increased abnormally in different parts of the district and its adjoining places. Prices of oil From Our Correspondent

cakes, bran and busk used as fodder have also gone beyond the purchasing capacity of the farmers. Hundreds of cattleheads throughout the areas have already been reduced to skeleton and many of them are

facing death. A large number of cattlehead have fallen prey to various diseases due to fodder scarcity. Foot and mouth diseases of cattlehead have broken out in an epidemic form in all the five thanas of the district. As a result, cultivation would suffer serious setback in the district.

Another report says: Allegation of irregularities in transfer of teachers by Thana

Education Officer at Nalitabari under Sherpur district has been lodged with the higher authori-

It is learnt that the education officer of Nalitabari thana do not okay the monthly salary bill for teachers without bribe. It is informed that he is connected with local political ac-

A group of teachers informed

that no enquiry and action has yet been taken in this connection which has created disappointment among the teachers. Teachers urged the authority

to take necessary action after impartial enquiry into the mat-

# Plan taken up for uplift of Dhaka-Ctg railroads

government in a bid to make the Railway a profitable sector has undertaken a massive plan for development of Dhaka-Chittagong railroads, including setting up of slipper upto 200 km and turn the 132-km long single line into double one, reports UNB

CHITTAGONG, Oct 18: The

Communications Minister Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed disclosed this while addressing the certificate and medal distribution ceremony of BCS 9th and 10th batch (Railway) at the auditorium of Railway Training Academy here on Tuesday morning.

The other projects of the plan are setting up of double lines from Tangi to Bhairab Bazar, to provide 22-metre gauge (MG), 66 economic class passenger coaches, 26 AC coaches including power car and collection of three relief cranes

The Minister said that it had

been possible to reduce the loss of Railway Department to Taka 100 crore from Taka 150 crore during 1992-93 fiscal year due to efficient management of BNP

government. 'No service activities were reduced for such an achievement' the Minister told the meeting and added that the loss was expected to come down further during the current fiscal

Describing the on-going development works of the department, the Minister said that most of the preparatory works. including procurement of a tugboat and 50 broadgauge, have already been completed for reformation of factories, construction of railroads and bridges, extension of Dhaka Container Depot.

But the Minister admitted that the flow of passengers in Dhaka-Chittagong Inter City train have come down by about 50 per cent following developWarning against corruption

the Communications Minister said the railway can not be run like "Orphange" and urged the railwaymen to come forward to face the challenge. Presided over by the Ractor

of the training centre of the academy, the function was attended, among others by the Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan, Mohammad Hassan Mansur and Zahirul

Communications Minister also distributed certificates among the participants.

Another report adds : A detective squad of the Chittagong Metropolitan Police seized a truck load of contraband foreign cigarette from Maizpara under Bandar thana Monday night. Acting on a secret informa

tion, the squad conducted a raid and seized Benson and Hedges cigarettes, worth about Taka 25 lakh

Prof R I Chowdhury, VC of CU distributing prize to a winner of literary and cultural contest of Shamsunnahar -- CU photo Hall held on Saturday last.

### Three commit suicide PABNA, Oct 18: Three

women reportedly committed suicide in different areas of the Sadar thana on Sunday to end their mental and physical agonies, reports UNB. Police said, Jamila Khatun.

35, wife of Abdul Azis of Jalalpur village, took potson at 11 am to quell pain she had long been suffering.

Another young housewife, identified as Beauty Khatun (21), wife of Abdur Razzak of Doharpara village, hanged herself from a tree at 6 am. She was suffering from mental prob-

## Ctg businessmen bleed from Rajgaria wounds

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 18: Short of complaints, the Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) is yet to start criminal proceeding against a Marwari business family accused of fraudulently amassing money before fleeing to India.

Senior CMP officials said they had not received any complaints against the Raigaria family which had fraudulently collected crores of taka and fled to India. "We cannot do anything un-

less someone files a case against the Rajgarias", said a senior police official. He refused to be identified. The Rajgaria family, trading for decades at Khatunganj and

Korbaniganj in the port city here, fled to India with a huge sum of money they had collected from several businessmen and banks. Sushil Rajgaria, a senior in

the family, had collected a huge amount of money from the businessmen of Khatunganj. Korbaniganj and Chaktai with a promise of forward sales of imported sugar, business community sources said.

However, when the trade-off was delayed, some of the businessmen demanded their money and received cheques which bounced from the local banks, they said.

Lalu Babu, one of the many victims of the Rajgaria family's racket, said he, too, had received one such cheque for Taka two lakh.

Lalu Babu said there were many other victims like him whose cheques were also refused by the banks.

## Notes From Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent GAIBANDHA, Oct 18: A fund of Taka five lakh allotted

for the flood affected farmers of sadar thana under post flood rehabilitation programme for the ensuing Rabi crop season. The farmers will receive wheat, oil, maize and pulse

seeds and fertilizer free of cost

for the implementation of the programme. Under this programme Taka three lakh was earmarked for the procurement of fertilizer and remaining fund will be spent for seeds of wheat, oil, maize and pulses. On implementation of the programme a total of 335 acres of land will be brought under Rabi crop farming. About one thousand destitute farmers will get benefit from this programme. Meanwhile Agriculture Extension

## **Body exhumed**

Department erected seed beds

on five acres of land for the

Body of Nurunnaber, a house wife of village Haripur under Sunderganj thana was exhumed recently for further

The death of the victim was a mysterious one. The body has been exhumed as earlier post mortem report could not furnish enough information. A further autopsy autopsy was inevitable and on September 26 the body of victim was exhumed in presence of a magistrate and sent for further post mortem.

### One jailed for hashish farming

One person was awarded two years Rigorous Imprisonment and fined Taka two thousand on charge of farming tilegal hashish.

Kamrul Islam Siddigui, Judge Special Tribunal No. delivered the judgement re-

The prosecution story was that the Narcotics and Liquor Department filed a case against Mominullah on Aug 24, 1992 after recovering 24 hashish plants from his homestead which he cultivated illegally. The department, however, charge sheeted under Narcotic Control Act 19 (3) of 1974. On trial the accused found guilty of illegal farming of hashis and was awarded aforesaid punishment. The case was conducted by Rahamatullah Azad, Public Prosecutor.

## Terrorist act of Shibir, Jamaat, AL condemned

From Our Correspondent SYLHET, Oct 18: The Sylhet district unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) brought out a procession in protest against the 'continued terrorism in the educational institutions by the Jamaat Shibirites, Awami-Baksaitte and the allies of the autocrats.

The processionists later held a rally at the court-point. The speakers said that the Awami-Baksalites and Shibirites were creating anarchy in the educational institutions under a blueorint with a view to undermine the image of a democratic government.

## 'Strong judiciary to be set up': Chief Justice

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Oct 18: Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has said that independent judiciary was the first step to establish the rule of law. A strong judiciary would be established in the continued process of democracy, he hoped.

The chief justice was speaking as chief guest at a réception accorded to him by the Sylhet District Bar Association. Tuesday night. The function was presided over by Advocate Abdul Gafur, president of the bar while it was also addressed among others by M A Quddus, District and Sessions Judge and Abdul Hai Khan, general secretary of the

The chief guest added that, the parliamentary democracy which was earned through a mass upsurge was now running well in the country. There was nothing to harm the fate of the democracy, here.

Another report adds: Gano Forum president Dr Kamal Hosisain has said that corruption and terrorism had now become the great threat to the nation. National development would never be achieved if the terrorism is not wiped out totally from the country.

Dr Kamal was addressing a big public meeting at Sunamganj town Tuesday afternoon with former MP Abul Hasnat Abdul Hai in the chair. The meeting was also addressed among others by A M A Muhit, Nurjahan Murshed, Pankaj Bhattacharya, Shoeb Chowdhury, Aftab Chowdhury, Bazlul Majid Khashru, Shahiduzzaman Chowdhury and Shamim Ahmed Siddigi.

Dr Kamal also said the fate of the the common man of the country could not be changed even during the last 22 years of independence.

## Oil cos withdraw old kerosine stock from south-western zone

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Oct 18: All the petroleum companies have started supplying fresh kerosine to their agents in south western zone of the country by immediately withdrawing old stock from market.

at the meeting held by Deputy Commissioner, Jessore with Khulna office executives of the Padma. Meghna and Jamuna Oil Companies Monday. It is learnt that sale and use of kerosine from present stock

The decision was taken up

have been stopped under order of district administration pending availability of fresh It may be noted here that accidents in Kerosine stoves are on increase for the last few

days in greater Jessore, Khulna, Kushtia and Faridpur. Now with the casualty of

one more, Anjuman, the death

toll in kerosine stove explosion through the zone, has risen to nine while over 51 are in different hospitals of the area.

It is reported that all of the area victims are housewives and the accidents have occurred while pouring kerosine in hurricane lamp or oven. Panic has been prevailing

and the use of kerosine largely reduced, according to a latest Another report says: Purba-

chal Jute Mills at Nowapara industrial belt in the district has been finally closed from Monday under order of the general manager, BJMC (Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporations rendering eight hundred workers and employees unemplo-

Heavy deployment of police has been observed in mill area.

## Skin diseases, stomach ailments alarming

From Our Correspondent

MADARIPUR, Oct 18: Skin disease and stomach aslments have broken out in an epidemic form in different villages of nine

thanas of the district. Doctors informed that patients with skin disease and stomach ailments are coming to

their chambers regularly. Adulterated edible oils such as ghee, butter oil, mustard oil and milk are being freely sold at the local and village markets which are responsible for out

break of the diseases. The sale of unhealthy foodstuffs at the hotels and restaurants have worsened the situa-

It is informed that some dishonest traders are indulged in this bad practice. About 35 per cent children

between the age of five and

eight years are living under breadline in the district. A recent survey reveals that more than 75,000 children in nine thanas of the district have

been suffering from malnutrition and are leading distressed life due to extremé poverty. The poverty stricken children are forced to take jobs as hotel-

boys, shoe palish boys, brick

field labours and boy servants

to support their families. A large number of children are also working in different in-

## dustrial units.

town residents

Beggars on rise The number of beggars is increasing in the district and thana headquarters causing much inconveniences to the

Natural calamities like recurrent floodings and river erosion compels the poor people to pour into the district and thana headquarters to find out jobs. Being failed to managed their livelihood by begging some young beggars mamly women indulge in immoral activities. After the sun set, the young girls gather at the bus station and cinema hall areas to allure

· the people. Town residents informed that the beggars who are living subhuman condition spreading various infectious

diseases at the town. The people of the district town and thana headquarters have urged the government to rehabilitate the beggars to mitigate their sufferings.

## Business centres facing manifold problems

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 18: Patkelghata Bazar, one of biggest business centres of the district, has been facing manifold problems for a long time.

Shortage of accommodation

lack of drainage system, dearth

of conservancy services, and

scarcity of pure drinking water are some the main problems. the market is facing. During the last few years, no scheme was taken to expand and renovate the bazar to cope with the rising buyers and

sellers creating severe stalemate in business transactions. The roads inside the bazar are not spacious enough to facilitate easy movement people. Besides, indiscriminate establishment of shops has further narrowed the roads which also have been in bad shape due to

leak of maintenance. Local people alleged that the bazar authorities are quite indifferent to keep the market neat and clean although they realise increased taxes from traders' and shopkeepers regularly.

Heaps of garbage and filths are always dumped inside bazar area polluting the environment. There is no drainage system in the market as a result the market goes under water during rainy seasons.

the nearby ponds and canals as the only tubewell remained out of order for long. There is no dustbin for the bazar area henceforth garbages pile up on the roads sometimes

use contaminated water from

The market-goers have to

blacking the movement of pedestrians. The market is also lacking proper electrification and the major parts of its area plunges into darkness after sundown.

Mizan urges admn to remain neutral

JESSORE, Oct 18: Jatiya Party leader Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury MP today asked the administration not to carry out any 'illegal' order of the ruling BNP and remain neutral as per provision of the constitution, reports UNB.

Addressing a public meeting at the Noapara Shankarpasha High School ground, he blasted the government for obstructing the political activities of the Jatiya Party by imposing Section 144 across the country.