District roundup

CHITTAGONG

BMA condemns killings at **CMCH**

Oct 27: Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) and four other organisations at a joint rally here Monday protested the killings at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) on October 15, says UNB.

Addressing the rally, leaders of the five organisations demanded immediate arrest and trial of those responsible for the attack on doctors' cafeteria that left one doctor and two students dead and 15 others injured.

District units of BMA and the four other organisations of doctors, medical college teachers and owners of private clinics jointly organised the rally at Mozammel square in the city.

Acting president of district BMA Dr Badrul Alam presided over the rally which was addressed, among others, by BMA leaders Dr Mozammel Hossain, Dr Nazibur Rahman, Dr Shahidullah, Superintendent of CMCH Dr Col Labibuddin Khan, Principal of Chittagong Medical College Dr Nurjahan Bhutyan and Vice Principal Dr Sheikh Kamaluddin.

Blaming the home minister for the delay in arresting the culprits, they said the home minister should have resigned accepting the responsibility of the incidents.

PATUAKHALI

Distressed women to get loan

Oct 27: Women Affairs Directorate has taken up a programme to distribute loans among the distressed women of the district for their socio-economic development, reports

Official sources said Tk 5 lakh has been initially earmarked for the purpose from Prime Minister's Special Fund. The disbursement pro-

gramme of the loans will be start soon. The loans will be distributed among selected hard-core poor

women for their income genera-

tion which will ultimately help

to improve their lot. The Deputy Commissioner of the district will supervise the programme.

SAVAR

One killed, 30 injured in road mishap

Oct 27: A speeding bus rammed a private car on the Dhaka-Aricha highway Monday killing one and injuring 30 people, four seriously, says

Police and witnesses said the accident occurred at Nabinagar in Savar thana at 12:00 noon when a Noyarhat-bound speeding bus from Dhaka collided head-on with a Dhaka-bound car from Aricha. An 8-year-old unidentified boy of the bus succumbed to his injuries on way to hospital.

The car was completely damaged in the accident which halted traffic on the busy highway for about two hours.

In another mishap on the same road Monday morning, a Dhaka-bound truck from Aricha turned turtle at Kalampur in Dhamrai thana due to a foggy weather, injuring five people, three seriously.

Two cases were filed with Savar and Dhamrai thanas in connection with the accidents.

KUSHTIA

Clash leaves communications disrupted

Oct 27: Road communications between the district town and Kumarkhali and Khoksa thanas remained suspended following a clash between transport workers and the Gorai ferry ghat workers on Sunday, reports UNB.

Motor Sramik Union demanded proper investigation into the incident and punish-

ment of the culprits. The disruptions caused hundreds of passengers to suffer, the local people said.

SIRAJGANJ

Diarrhoea claims 3 lives, attacks 40

Oct 27: Diarrhoea claimed three lives in two villages of Sonamukhi union in Kazipur thana on Sunday night, Union Parishad chairman said

Tuesday, reports UNB. Another 40 people were attacked by the disease during the last 48 hours in the union.

The dead were identified as, Raisuddin (45) and his wife (30) of Paikpara village, and Harun Mia (25) of Pachgachi.

RAJSHAHI

Dispute over land leaves 15 injured

Oct 27: Fifteen people were injured, six critically, as rival groups of villagers clashed in Rajpara thana Monday, following a dispute over charland, witnesses said, says UNB.

Twelve of the injured were rushed to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. They included Mostafa (26), UP Chairman Intajul (28), Antajul (30), Abul Hossain (32), Hasibul and Jamal (18).

Villagers said the clash erupted after a group of people attacked the house of UP chairman Intajul at Mazhardiarchar village about 11:00 am.

TANGAIL

Training course for ansars inaugurated

Oct 27: A three-week long basic ansar training course was inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner of Tangail, Abdul Matin Khandaker, recently, reports BSS.

Ansars taken from his thanas are taking part in the training.

Speaking on the occasion Abdul Matin Khandaker said that the key to the development of the country lay in peaceful atmosphere. The ansar and other forces engaged in maintaining peace and tranquility could ensure peace in the society. He also asked the ansars to engaged themselves in tree plantation, family planning and other social welfare activities.

BARISAL

Tk 20 lakh for development of nurseries

Oct 27: Government has sanctioned Tk 20 lakh for the development of 16 nurseries in seven districts under southern districts agriculture development project during the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

According to an official source, saplings of fruit bearing trees and vegetable plants will be produced in these nurseries.

The nurseries to be developed are located at Muladi and Gournadi in Barisal district, Pirojpur sadar and Bhandaria in Pirojpur district, Rajapur and Kathalia in Jhalakathi district, Bauphal and Dashmina in Patuakhali district, Amtali, Bamna in Barguna district, Bhola sadar and Charfession in Bhola district, and Gopalganj sadar and Kashinai in Gopalgani district.

MANIKGANJ

4 killed in boat capsize

Oct 27: Four people were killed when a mechanised boat loaded with pulse capsized in the Kaliganga river in Sadar thana early Monday, police said, reports UNB.

The Narayanganj-bound boat carrying 500 maunds of pulses from Geor sank in the river near the Tara bridge in Sadar thana after hitting a char.

Police recovered the four dead bodies from the river and sent those to Manikgani Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

The victims were identified as: Artf (25), Somej (23), Belayet (35) and Nuru Miah (30) of Geor

Local people said they had purchased pulses from Geor thana for sale in Narayanganj. A case was filed with Sadar police in connection with the

KHULNA

Jute purchase target fails

Oct 27: Public sector jute mills in Khulna Zone have failed to purchase jute as per their demands during the current season due to various reasons, including non-payment of bills, reports UNB.

Mill sources said low rate of jute in front of mill gates, malpractice in weighing, non-payment of bills as per serial, complication in fixing jute price and imposition of income tax on jute price also hampering jute purchase.

They said the 12 jute mills in the zone purchased only 32 per cent as against their annual demands of 45.28 lakh maunds to produce jute goods, including Hessain and CBC.

Meanwhile, Platinum Jute Mill received about Tk 21 crore, Crescent Jute Mill Tk 16 crore, JJI Tk 14 erore, Eastern Jute Mill Tk 4 crore, Alim Jute Mill Tk 3 crore and Koumi Jute Mill received Tk one crore to purchase raw jute.



SYLHET: In protest against terrorism and violence in the educational institutions, the district unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal brought out a procession at the town recently. -Star photo

1,449 killed, 12,565 commit suicide in 22 years

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Oct 27: Over 14,000 people met tragic deaths in the district during the last 22 years following the political rivalry, social enmity and conflict of mutual interest.

According to detailed informations, 1,449 people were murdered while another 12,565 people committed suicide during the period.

A statistical report says that in 1972, cases of murder were 92 and that of suicide were 425, in 1973, cases of murders were 75 while that of suicidal were 614 in 1974, figure of killing was 77 and suicidal was 635, in 1975, cases of murder were 76 and that of suicidal were 489

In 1976, murders were 76 and suicidal was 616. In 1977, number of murder were 94 while that of suicidal rose to 425.

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Oct

27: Jute growers of the district

have been facing hardships due

to fall in price of jute in the lo-

Jute is being sold between

Taka 150 and 170 per maund

in the different hats and bazars

trict which is much below the

production cost of a maund of

jute is between Taka 260 and

According to the growers, the

There is no jute purchasing

centre in the district. Taking

advantage of the situation, a

section of middlemen are pur-

chasing jute at throw away

It is learnt that many jute

purchasing centres have been

opened outside the border areas

and jute is being smuggled out

to India by a section of dishon-

est middlemen and every day

maunds of jute are being sold to

government to open jute pur-

chasing centres in the district

without further delay to ensure

fair prices of their produce and

Kamaluddin Girls' High School

the only private girls school in

the town - is beset with mani-

Another report says: The

Shortage of accommodation,

furniture, sports materials,

science room and other educa-

tional appliances are the main

hindrances which have been

hampering smooth functioning

Shortage of teachers and ab-

sence of science building have

aggravated the situation. The

study of the science students

take steps to stop smuggling.

Local growers have urged the

of all the five thanas of the dis-

cal markets, reports UNB.

production cost.

prices.

those centres.

fold problems.

of the school.

Taka 300 per maund.

In 1978, number of murder was 57 and suicidal was 514.

In 1979, 72 people murdered and those committed suicide were 613. In 1980, murders were 78 and suicidal were 329. In 1981, 57 people were killed and 465 committed sui-

In 1992, 51 people were murdered and another 514 committed suicide. In 1983, 49 people were

killed and 789 committed sui-

In 1984, murders were 43 and death by suicide was 510. In 1985, cases of murder were

77 and suicides were 875. In 1986, killings were 75 and suicides were 614. In 1987, 52 were killed and

529 committed suicide. In 1988, 45 were killed and 718 committed suicide. In 1989, 52 were cases of women.

for fall in jute prices

are being hampered greatly due

to lack of necessary apparatus.

primary school it was later up-

graded to a high school. Now

there are 800 students and 15

teachers in the school. The ex-

isting classrooms are quite

inadequate to accommodate the

the authority to take necessary

steps to solve these problems to

help the only girls school run

from the district town to

Amnura Railway Station on

Highway is now in a deplorable

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 27: The

headmaster of a primary

school in Chowdhali thana has

allegedly defalcated 75 kg of

wheat, sanctioned under the

"Food for Education Prog-

ramme," police said on

Boholakol Government Primary

School, drew the wheat for his

five sons entered in the list of

vestigated the allegation

brought by local people and

students of the school and

filed a case against the teacher.

tive programme, 15 kg wheat

chased a gang of pirates and

is given to each poor student.

Under the education-incen-

Another report says: Police

Anti-corruption Bureau in-

113 allottees for the grant.

Nurul Islam, headmaster of

Sunday, reports UNB.

Chapainawabganj-Nachol

smoothly.

The guardians have urged

The nine-kilometre-long road

increasing number of students.

Established in 1960 as a

murder while 436 were the murder of suicides. In 1990, 53 were killed while 775 met unnatural death.

In 1991, 81 people were murdered and 643 committed suicide. In 1992, total of murders were 71 while suicidal 948. During the last six months

ending in current year, 27 people were killed and 548 committed suicide. Reports received from different thanas of the district indi-

cate that death toll, caused by outlawed party activists covers half of the total It is also alleged that easy

availability of firearms from across the border, has increased the incidents. Besides family dispute and mutual distrust between couples have been the key factor for committing suicide which includes over ninety per cent of newly married

Due to damage in the bitu-

min the road has become un-

even. Innumerable cracks and

potholes have developed on the

road hindering movement of

pedestrians and vehicular traf-

The situations worsens dur-

ing the rainy season. After

slight rainfall, the road becomes

muddy and slippery risking the

worst sufferers. Carrying of se-

rious patients through this has

become almost impossible.

School going children are the

Local leaders urged the au-

thorities to take necessary steps

seized huge arms and ammu-

nition abandoned by them on a

shoal of Korotoa river in

Shajadpur thana Saturday

pipeguns, two revolvers, three

bullets of rifle, five daggers and

Officer-In-Charge of the

thana Gazi Moinuddin said an

armed gang of 15 to 16 sig-

nalled to halt a police boat,

patrolling the river, at

Serakola Jamua Kashiaban at

midnight, deeming it as a

Police became alert and

chased the miscreants who

fled leaving behind the arms

A case was filed in this con-

two knives.

ferry-boat.

nection.

and ammunition.

The arms included two.

to repair the road immediately.

plying of vehicles.

Pry teacher defalcates

wheat for edn plan

Notes from Rangpur

Business as

usual!

commercial centre of Kaliakoir

thana has become a den of in-

ter-district wood traffickers

sources, the traffickers pro-

cure wood from Kalomegh and

Kachighata forest bit of

Sakhipur and Gazipur-Sreepur

range respectively of the state

owned forest. They carry the

wood to Fulbaria by boats, bul-

lock carts and sometimes by

push carts before the nose of

the forest employees and law

tion of anonimity told UNB

that they are to give bribe at

different checkposts and the

personnel of law enforcers for

necessary clearance and safe

the extortionists to carry on

Moreover, they are to satisfy

passage of the stolen woods.

A wood trafficker on condi-

enforcing agencies.

their business.

reports UNB.

GAZIPUR, Oct 27: Fulbaria

According to informed

From Our Correspondent

Growers facing hardships RANGPUR, Oct 27: The Agriculture Extension Department has undertaken a massive programme to put 90 thousand hectares of land under potato cultivation in sixteen districts of the northern region during the current rabi season.

The production target has been fixed at 10 lakh six thousand metric tonnes for the current season.

The Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BA-DC) in the meantime has initiated distribution of seeds while different commercial banks have planned to disburse crop loans to the farmers to help achieve the target.

World Food

Programme

Under the World Food Programme, an NGO named BRAC has taken up a programme to cultivate about one lakh mulberry trees in the scattered areas of Mithapukur thana during the current year.

About two hundred distressed females will be engaged to carry out nursing of 500 trees each providing them three kilogram of wheat as daily

Rat eradication programme The Agriculture Extension

Department has launched rat eradication programme in the district since last month.

In the previous years, required poisons were supplied to the farmers by the department to help achieve the target of the rat killing programme.

But, this year the farmers are not getting any supply of poison to run the programme since the government did not sanction any fund in this re-Six criminals

held

The Kotwali police have rounded up six absconding criminals from different areas of the town, during a two-day long anti crime drive recently.

Of the arrested criminals, one Alam of Pirgacha thana was convicted accused in a murder case. The others were wanted by the police involved in various crimes charges.

One held for

misuse of fund The Mithapukur thana police

have arrested Lutfar Rahman. an assistant teacher of Gutibari Islamia senior madrasha on the charge of misappropriating about Taka 91 thousand from the madrasha fund. Acting upon complaints of

the managing committee, the local administration held enquiry in it and detected the misappropriation of the huge amount of madrasha fund. A specific case has been in-

stituted against him.

Most vehicles plying with fake licences

BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 27: A large number of vehicles, mainly buses and tracks are plying on the roads with fake licences in the district, re-

ports UNB. According to a reliable source, at least 145 buses and trucks are running on the streets with fake licences and registration certificates issued by some dishones t employees of the BRT office in Comilla.

A case was lociged in this connection and investigation was going on.

Another report says: A divorcee woman was violated and later killed by a gang of miscreants at Kuripraika village of Akhaura thana, police said on Saturday.

The dead identified as Rupchan (27), mother of a child had an alkeged affair with Khokan Miah of Haripur village of the same than a.

According to family sources, in several arbitrations village elders asked him to mary the woman or face punishment for which he got furious.

On Oct 10 Khokan Miah along with his accomplices stormed the house of Rupchan and abducted her. Later, they killed her after gang rape, the

sources added. A case has been filed and

police arrested Khokan Miah. A young woman was killed in a road accident at Sulilpur Bazar on Sylhet-Brahmanbaria road on Wednesday. Minara Begum (20) was se-

rioulsy injured when a Sylhet bound speeding truck kinocked her down while she was waiting for a bus at Sulilpur Bazar. witnesses said. · Later, she was taker to

Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital where she succumbed, hospital sources said. Police seized the killer

truck and arrested its driver. A case was filed with Sadar thana in this connection.

Experts asked to expand river institute's services

FARIDPUR. Oct 27: Minis- an official handout said ter for Agriculture, Irrigation Water Development and Flood Control M Majid-ul-Haq recently directed the concerned officials and experts to expand programmes and services of the River Research Institute, reports BSS.

Presiding over the fourth meeting of the board of governors of the institute here, he stressed the need for implementing flood control programmes in consistence with the environment aiming at long-term flood control in the country. Progress of various activities

of the River Research Institute and its problems were elaborately discussed in the meet-

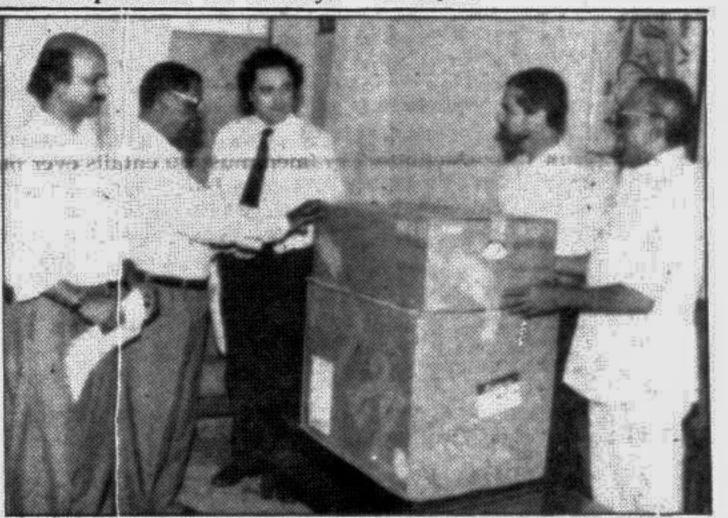
The institute's activities include river administration on commercial basis, hydraulic model research on water resource development, test of soil and specimen of construction materials and control of standard of public works in different places of the country.

It said, Water Development Board, Power Development Board, Flood Plan Coordination Organisation, Bangladesh Railway, Roads and Highways directorate and many other domestic and foreign organisations are the subscribers of the institute.

The institute earned revenue income of Taka one crore last year and it would be nearly Taka 2.5 crore this year, the handout also said.

The Agriculture Minister directed to strengthen the efforts for increasing the number of subscribers of the institute at home and abroad

The meeting was attended by Health and Family Welfare Minister Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf, Secretary of the Ministry of Irrigation. Water Development and Flood Control M Asafuddowla, Shipping Secretary Waliul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of BUET Dr M Sha hjahan and Chairman of Water Development Board M A



Paul Smith, Deputy Director of the British Council, Dhaka handing over a Micro computer to the VC of Chittagong University Prof. RI Chowdhury during his recent visit to the - CU plaote varsity.

Fish disease breaks out in Galachipa thana

PATUAKHALI, Oct 27: Fish disease has broken out in an alarming proportion in Galahipa thana causing concern among the consumers and fishermen community, reports UNB.

The fishermen said, the disease broke out in the thana first in four years back. At the outbreak of the disease for the second time, the fishermen and fish consumers both are in great problems. Fish population of local vari-

eties have been widely attacked by the ulcerative fish disease in various areas of the thana. Local people informed that

koi, singh, puti, magur, taki, bain, shol, gazar and various other local variety fish have been attacked by the killer dis-

Meanwhile, many people of the locality have stopped buying and eating fish. On the contrary, the fishermen comm unity are passing hard days a .t the sudden outbreak of the di sease Fisheries Department could

not give any protective so lution

to the problem. The pisck sultur-

ists are very much worried

about the fish disease. They urged the concerned authorities to look into the mat ter and take necessary steps to

stop the menace on ain emergency basis. Another reports adds: Certain portion of the Patharghata-Mathbaria roud under Patuakhali Road Division will be

developed this year. According to the officials, tender notice for vworks of the road the already been published. It is learnt that Taka 46.28 lakh would be spent for the successful implementation of the scheme.

Two JCD leaders held with firearms

PABNA, Oct 27: Police have Nagarbari-Pabna-R ajshahi arrested two local leaders of the JCD with firearms for their alleged involvement in killing and terrorism in the town, reports

UNB. Shariful Islam, 25, and Mohu, 25, both BA students of the Pabna Edward University College, were arrested from the district JCD office at the Tarash building in the town on Monday evening. Two revolvers and two bullets were recovered from their possession.

Mohu was wanted in six cases including murder and terrorism and Sharif in two terror ism cases.

Protesting the arrest, JCD activists staged a sit-in demonstration in the town Monday night blocking traffic on the

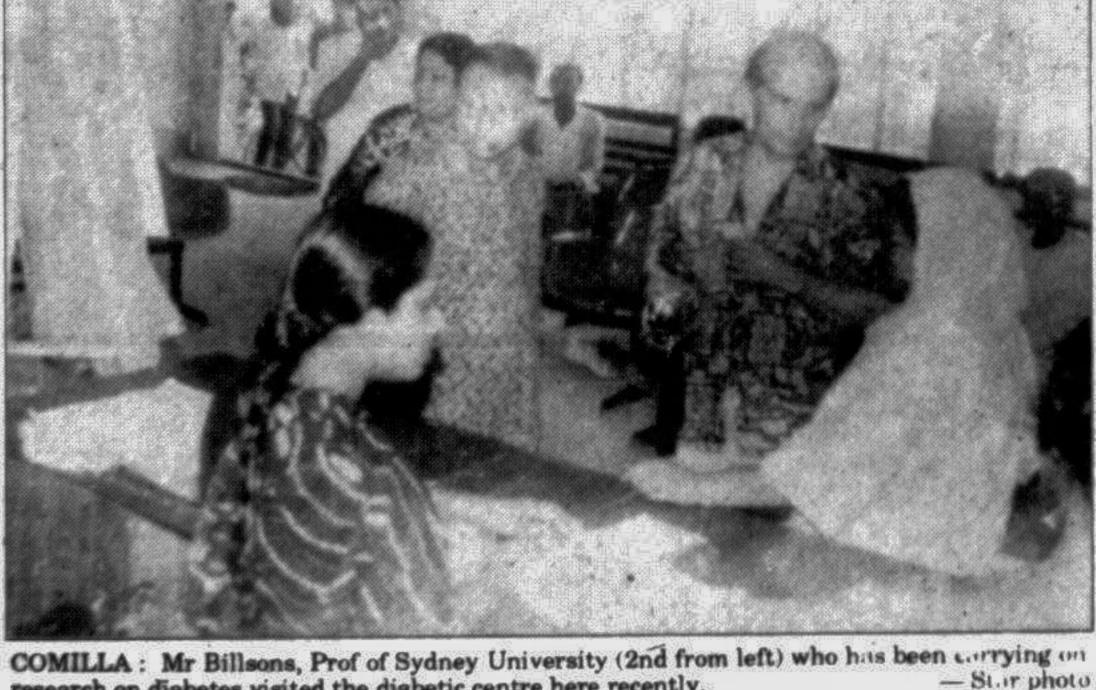
route for more than I six hours. They also stage d a demon-

stration near the L)C office this afternoon and submitted a memorandum there demanding the release of the J CD leaders. Meanwhile, district BNP president Abdul Abed condemned the police raid at the

JCD office, but general secretary Advocate Shahjahan Ali protested the involvement of JCD activists in various criminal activities. Earlier on Monclay, police arrested another local JCD leader,

Md Tanshen Siddlique, in connection with four cases including Ranju murder case from the town's Shah Alan: market.

All of them were sent to jail.



research on diabetes visited the diabetic centre here recently.