

District roundup

FENI
Cyclone shelters built at a cost of Tk 5.5 cr

Nov 14: Twelve cyclone shelters in different parts of the district have been completed at a cost of Taka 5.5 crore, reports UNB.

Official sources said the shelters, funded by the Saudi government, have been set up at Bijoyingh, Kashimpur, Elahigaon, Baligan, Dhalia, Rajapur, Fatehpur, Purba Hartpur, Sreepur, Pilot, Chithalia and Rampur.

The shelter buildings can be used as primary schools besides providing shelter during the natural calamities, they added.

Meanwhile, Local Government and Engineering Department allocated Taka five crore for construction of link roads with the centres, officials said.

CHUADANGA
Decision to move market area protested

Nov 14: Angry people of Asankhali village in Alamdanga thana brought out a procession and held rally in the town protesting alleged abuse of power by a ruling party MP, reports UNB.

The villagers alleged that Mian Mohammad Mansur Ali, MP of Chuadanga A-1 constituency, took a move to shift the sugarcane purchasing and family planning centres and the local bazar from the village to his own area.

The processionists demanded immediate intervention of the concerned authorities to halt the move to avert further trouble in the area.

They also submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner containing their demand.

NAOGAON
Smuggled goods worth Tk 3.14 crore seized

Nov 14: BDR personnel seized a huge quantity of smuggled goods from different border points worth about Taka 3.14 crore in the last seven months, says UNB.

The smuggled goods included, cows, buffaloes, sugar, salt, cloths, cycle tube, spare parts, medicines and others.

A total of 171 cases were filed and 18 people arrested from April to October, sources said.

FARIDPUR
Training course on fish output, control of diseases

Nov 14: An eight-day training course for field officials of the Directorate of Fisheries on acquaintance extension and control of fish diseases was concluded here recently, reports UNB.

Jointly organised by Directorate of Fisheries, Bangladesh Aquaculture and Fisheries Resources and Overseas Development Agency, the training course began on Oct 16 at the Fisheries Training and Extension Centre.

It was participated by 16 thana Fishery Officers of Faridpur, Tangail, Dhaka, Rajbari, Narasingdi and Munshiganj districts.

Wahidu Nabi Chowdhury, Principal, Fisheries Training and Extension Centre, Rafiqul Islam, Assistant Director, Fisheries, Dr Malcolm W Dixon of BAFR and Jim Parker of ODA as resource persons conducted the training course.

On the concluding function, Mahbubul Haque, Fishery Officer of the district urged the trainees to use the knowledge and experience gathered from the training to boost fish resources in the country. He also distributed certificates among them.

MADARIPUR
PHED instals 6,868 tube-wells

Nov 14: Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) installed 6,868 tube-wells in 11 southern districts during last six months, says UNB.

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

The department installed the tube-wells with the financial assistance from the UNICEF.

Official sources said of the total 2,850 are deep tube-wells and the rest shallow.

The department also resunk 1,340 shallow tube-wells in the districts during the same period.

PATUAKHALI
Kidnapped girl rescued

Nov 14: Police has rescued a girl from a village of Sandwip after two months of her abduction, says UNB.

Acting on a secret information, police raided the house of kidnapper Joyal of village Matlabhanga in Sandwip thana of Chittagong district, rescued the girl and arrested the kidnapper recently. The victim, Shirin Akhter, 15, was abducted on August 28 from Power House area of the Patuakhali town.

CHITTAGONG
Two truck drivers killed, two held

Nov 14: Two truck drivers were killed under the wheels of a truck at Bhatiyari in Sitakunda thana of the district on Wednesday night, says UNB.

Witnesses said Nurul Afsar was run over by the Dhaka-bound truck while he was waiting on the roadside. Another driver who tried to halt the killer truck was hit and pushed down by the helper of the killer truck. He also died instantly under the wheels of the same truck.

Local people chased the truck with another vehicle and managed to catch it. The driver and helper of the killer truck were handed over to the local police.

Traffic on the road remained suspended for an hour following the incident.

NATORE
One commits suicide

Nov 14: A young woman at Kafuria village in sadar thana committed suicide recently, police said here Friday, reports UNB.

Family sources said Rizia Khatun (27), daughter of Azir Pramank of the village, took away her life hanging herself from the branch of a tree on November 1. Her husband also died recently, they added.

The reason of suicide could not be ascertained.

An UD case was filed with the local police in this connection.

TANGAIL
16 canal re-excavation schemes okayed

Nov 14: A committee meeting of the Tangail District Voluntary Canal Digging Projects was held Wednesday with State Minister for Industries Lutfur Rahman Khan in the chair, reports UNB.

The meeting approved 16 projects of canal re-excavation, said a PID handout.

Fifty per cent work of the projects will fully be implemented on voluntary basis while the rest under Food for Work Programme (FWP).

A total of 575 metric tons of foodgrains have already been sanctioned for the projects, the handout added.

Addressing the meeting the State Minister urged all concerned to make honest and sincere efforts for timely and proper implementation of the projects.

He hoped that the re-excavation work of the projects will be completed within the schedule time.

Earlier, the State Minister distributed relief materials among the distressed people of Ghatil thana.

KUSHIA
Valuables looted at gun point

Nov 14: Armed dacoits swooped on the residence of a peon of the ADC (General) at Housing Estate here on Thursday and looted valuables including cash at gun point, reports UNB.

According to the people, the dacoits knocked the door of the house owner Nuruddin at 9 pm and when he opened the door the bandits forcibly entered the house and took away table clock, two-in-one, gold ornaments and cash Taka 3,000.

A case was filed with the police.

Another message adds: Police in separate raids in the town arrested four absconding accused wanted in connection with several criminal cases and recovered some arms and ammunition from their position on Thursday.

The arrested were identified as Nur Mohammad (36), Lutfar Rahman (25), Gasuddin (27) and Asadul (25).

The recovered arms and ammunition included one dagger, five rounds of bullets of SLR and one live hand-bomb.



SYLHET: Khorshed Alam, Governor, Bangladesh Bank speaking at a meeting with the members of Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industries (SCCI) held here recently at the local chamber building. — Star photo

Erratic power supply hits output in fields, mills

MADARIPUR, Nov 14: Erratic power supply has been causing suffering to the consumers at the town and its suburb for the last few months, reports UNB.

Irrigation work in cropfields and production in mills and factories are being hampered due to faulty power supply.

Anti-social activities are on rise at the town as most areas of the town plunges into darkness at night. Due to voltage fluctuation refrigerators and television sets often go out of order.

Students are the worst sufferers due to frequent power failure. The farmers are unable to husk their paddy and crush wheat in the mills for want of power supply. Many of the electricity poles at the town have no bulbs.

The electricity supply system under 14 Town Power Development Projects is not satisfactory.

The urban consumers who get the power supply from the Goalpara Power Distribution Plant alleged that they are not getting power supply regularly.

While replying to the allegations brought against the Power

Station, the authorities told UNB that they are not getting sufficient supply from Jhenidah power house.

Diarrhoea kills 7 lives

Diarrhoea claimed seven lives and attacked over a thousand others in four thanas of the district during the last month, official sources said.

The unofficial sources, however, said, 15 people died and more than two thousand were attacked by the deadly disease during the same period.

District Civil Surgeon office sources said the disease broke out in the district in the first week of the last month adding Kalkini thana is the worst affected area where four people died and 622 others were affected.

A total of 81 medical teams with 13 doctors have been working in the affected areas, official sources said.

But local people complained that no medical teams are available at the Purba Matzpara and Khandula affected area under Kalkini thana.

Mosquito menace in the pourashava area has assumed an alarming proportion causing untold suffering to the town residents.

Stagnant water in the road side ditches, derelict ponds and heaps of garbage have become the ideal breeding centres of mosquitoes.

Lack of proper drainage system in the poura area is the main cause of water stagnation. The drains are filled with filth and garbage polluting the environment. In the absence of adequate dustbins garbage are being dumped here and there giving rise to mosquito menace.

Students are the worst sufferers. It is impossible on the part of a student to prepare his lesson in his house after sundown without the help of mosquito net. The slum people who have no capacity to buy mosquito nets have been passing their nights in great distress.

The residents have urged the concerned authorities to take effective measures to combat the mosquito menace without further delay.

107 primary schools in Comilla under Food for Edn Programme

COMILLA, Nov 14: Some 107 primary schools in 12 thanas of the district have been brought under the 'Food for Education Programme', officials said, reports UNB.

District Primary Education Office sources said, a total of 291 metric tons of wheat was allocated for the programme.

Families having cards of the programme would be provided with 15 kg of wheat for each student per month.

A total of 39,914 students belonging to 19,857 families would get benefit from the programme, it was learnt.

Of the schools, seven are at Joorakan Union in Sadar, five at Aljara Union in Laksham, six at Shohelpur Union in Chandina, eight at Gholpasha Union in Chaudagram, 15 at Adra union in Nangalkote, 11 at Marjapur union in Daudkandi, 12 at Burichang Union in Burichang thana, seven at Payalgacha Union in Barura, four at Brahmanpara, five at Fatehbad Union in Devidwar and 12 at Bhashania Union in Homna.

3.44 saplings planted

Another report says: Ansar and VDP members of the district planted about 3.44 lakh saplings of different varieties in 12 thanas in last three months.

The saplings were planted as part of the country-wide programme launched by the government, officials said.

Of the saplings, 26,200 were planted in Daudkandi, 20,120 in Brahmanpara, 21,150 in Devidwar, 37,370 in Chauda-

gram, 42,200 in Muradnagar, 30,100 in Sadar, 22,130 in Burichang, 21,170 in Homna, 23,000 in Barura, 22,000 in Nangalkote, 23,000 in Chandina and 55,000 in Laksham.

Another message adds: A young man was killed and another injured in a road accident on Comilla Bypass Road on Monday.

The victim was identified as Abdul Khaleq (30).

Witnesses said the accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound (Narayanganj Ja-04-0045) dashed their motor bike from behind.

Nazrul Islam who was also on the bike was seriously injured and admitted to Comilla General Hospital.

Police seized the bus and arrested its driver from the spot.

Pry teachers' assoc executives

A 21-member executive committee of Comilla Primary Teachers' Association was elected at a special conference held at Mahichail Primary School last week.

Kafiluddin Bhuiyan and Abul Kashem Bhuiyan were elected President and General Secretary respectively of the association.

Former president of the association Delwar Hossain was present as chief guest at the conference, presided over by Abdul Jalil Bhuiyan.

Another report from Madaripur adds: Police arrested an alleged criminal and recovered a pipe gun and four rounds of ammunition from his possession at Savar village in Kalkini thana last week.

Acting on secret information, police raided the house of Shyamol Kumar Mitra and arrested him with the arms and ammunition.

His family sources, however, claimed Shyamol was arrested at the instance of some influential people as a sequel to past enmity.



GAZIPUR: Majharul Islam, Dental Surgeon is testing the patients at a 'Sheba Saptah' of the Leo Club of Dhaka Tarag arranged at Tongi Government Primary School recently. — Star photo

963 mt donated wheat found unfit for consumption

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 14: At least one thousand metric tons of wheat worth about Taka 7.50 lakh donated by the EEC have been found unfit for human consumption.

According to Food Department sources, Greek flag-carrier, the MV Taxis Bisbi with 36,000 metric tons of wheat anchored at Mongla Port after unloading 14,000mt at Chittagong Port a few days back.

During the unloading at Mongla it was detected that the wheat in hatch nos 2 and 3 were unfit for human consumption.

The Additional Director of Food, Shah Nazmul Alam and other high officials of the department investigated the matter and decided not to receive about 963 metric tons of wheat.

The captain of the ship, declined to comment.

Tk 38.46 lakh for agri rehabilitation programme

FENI, Nov 14: The government has sanctioned Taka 38.46 lakh to implement agricultural rehabilitation programme in the district, reports UNB.

Official sources said of the total amount, Taka 5.81 was allocated for Sadar thana, Taka 11.96 lakh for Pourshuram, Taka 4.49 lakh for Daganbhuiyan, and Taka 2.51 lakh sanctioned for Chagalnaya thana.

Under the programme each farmer affected by natural calamities in the district will get fertilizer and seeds for one acre of land.

Local Union Parishad will formulate list of the affected farmers, they added.

Two awarded 10 yrs RI for murder

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 14: The Additional District and Sessions Judge, Third Court, Sylhet while passing his judgement in a murder case of Golapganj thana under Sylhet district found two persons namely, Abdul Jabbar and his brother Abdul Malik guilty and sentenced them to suffer imprisonment for ten years each and to pay fines of Taka 3,000 in default to which to suffer three months more. The court also acquitted three others of the charges brought against them in the same case.

The prosecution case in brief is that, the deceased Lechu Miah and others were attacked by the accused persons at Damri Biler par of village Haortalta of Golapganj thana, on January 23 1990 as a sequel to a sustained enmity. The victims sustained serious injuries. Lechu Miah succumbed to his injuries in the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital on the next day.

After registration of a case by the brother of the deceased, police performed an investigation and submitted chargesheet against six persons. The court after examining all the records and witnesses, found the two brothers guilty and sentenced them to suffer the said punishment while three other accused were acquitted of the charges while another accused, Rais Ali died during the trial of the case.

AL holds public meeting

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 14: A public meeting of Awami League was held at Enayetpur bazar in Chowhali thana recently with Union AL President Ahmed Hossain Khan (Baechu) in the chair.

Among others who spoke on the occasion were, District Awami League Secretary and former MP Abdul Latif Mirza, Shahidul Islam Talukder and Saidur Rahman.

The speakers demanded repeal of indemnity act and called upon all to intensify movement to institutionalise the democratic values.

3 held while making weapons

CHITTAGONG, Nov 14: A special squad of Razzan police station here on Friday caught red-handed three persons while making weapons at a shop at Alirhat of Razzan, reports BSS.

Police also recovered one light gun, one pipe gun and some instruments used in making the weapons from the shop, a district police press release said today.

The arrested persons had been making weapons for long and selling them to miscreants, the press release added.

A case was filed with Razzan police.

7 killed in incidents

SHERPUR, Nov 14: Three people, including a girl, were killed and one injured in two separate road accidents on Sherpur-Nalitabari Road in Sadar thana on Friday, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as construction workers: Abdul Matin (30) of Kusumhati, Mosharrif (35) of Moksedpur and Nurjahan (10) of Bajtkhila villages.

Seriously injured Abul Kalam, also a construction worker of Kusumhati was admitted to Sadar Hospital.

Witnesses said, Abdul Matin and Mosharrif were crashed under the wheels of a speeding truck of Sum Swhan Construction company of Korea at 9 am at Bajtkhola Road while they were working on the road. Abul Kalam received serious injuries in the accident.

In another accident, a Nalitabari-bound bus coming from

Sherpur knocked Nurjahan near Dhakbadli village while she was crossing the road at about 10 am.

She succumbed to her injuries at Sadar Hospital.

The bodies were sent to morgue for autopsy. Two cases have been filed with the local police.

Another report from Feni says: Three people including a teen-aged girl died in three separate incidents in the district on November 7 and 8, police sources said.

An unidentified teen-aged girl was cut off under the wheels of a running train at Gunabati Rail Station while she was crossing the rail line on November 7.

On the same day, police recovered a body of an unidentified man from Mohamud Dhighi of Sadar thana. Police suspected that someone left the body there after killing him.

Tk 5 lakh electric goods stolen from lines

PABNA, Nov 14: A huge quantity of electric goods worth about Taka five lakh was stolen from different lines of Pabna Power Development Board (PDB) in last week, officials said, reports UNB.

The stolen goods included, 3,000-metre of wire, 1,200 polls, five transformers and other electric goods.

Local people alleged that an organised group is carrying on this sort of stealing with the collaboration of some PDB officials and employees.

They urged the concerned authorities to look into the matter and take necessary actions against the culprits immediately to stop this illegal practice.

It may be mentioned that about 35 cases were filed with nine thanas of the district in this connection but only two people were arrested so far.

Another report says: District Anti-Corruption Bureau chargesheeted the Principal of Faridpur Yeasin Ali Degree College for his alleged misappropriation Taka 3.75 lakh of college fund recently.

According to the Anti-Corruption Bureau sources, Prin-

pal Shree Jitesh Chandra Sarker grabbed the money by showing false bill of science building construction work of the college.

Later, Anti-Corruption Department filed a case against Principal Sarker on March 21 with Faridpur police and he was chargesheeted on October 30, police said.

Five Jatiyatahadi Jubu Dal activists were injured in a nine intermine gunfight at the Sadar Hospital premises today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the fight between the rivals erupted at about 12:30 pm when a group of Jubu Dal activists led by Ikram attacker Afzal Hossain Batu at the hospital went there to see a doctor.

Earlier on October 17, Afzal Hossain, president of the Shaigharia Ward unit of the Jubu Dal, received bullet injuries in a factional clash of the party, the youth wing of the ruling BNP.

Of the injured, two were identified as Majid, 25, and Abdus Sobhan, 30.

When contacted, local police confirmed the clash.



CHANDPUR: Some students of local government college are seen with the bus which has been donated by the Prime Minister recently. — Star photo

Indian goods flood local markets

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 14: Smuggled Indian goods are pouring into the markets of the town and nine thanas of the district, causing threat to the country made goods, reports UNB.

Local people said different types of Indian goods arrive here by trains, buses and dispatches through the bordering districts of Ishurdi, Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj and Bogra.

Smuggled goods — saree, cosmetics, onion, potato, garlic, jira, salt, spare parts of bicycle and blade are being sold in the markets openly. As a result, below standard Indian goods are taking the market of the country made goods causing much losses.

Train passengers alleged that smuggling goods are being carried everyday by a number of smugglers lead by Malek Osimpaul, Bhuiyan, Tapan Paul of Ullapara and Belkuehi thana areas.

Local people urged the authorities to form enquiry committee to probe smuggling.

One dies falling from a truck

A cattle trader fell from a truck when he was travelling and died instantly on the Sirajganj-Bogra road at Bhadrghat in Kamarkhand thana Saturday.

The dead was identified as Ramjan Ali (32).

The driver fled the scene with his vehicle after the mishap at 10 am.

The body brought to Sirajganj hospital for autopsy and a case filed with Kamarkhand police.

UNB adds from Pabna: Four people were injured in a clash between the activists of ruling BNP and its youth wing Jatiyatahadi Jubadal at Nanaoatna-

gar Bazar in Faridpur thana Friday.

Witnesses said Friday's clash between the rivals was a sequel to Wednesday's incident at the Jubadal meeting that left 16 people, including two policemen, injured.

Activists of local BNP went on berserk as Jubadal called the meeting without consulting its leaders.

Of the injured Amjad Hossain (28) and Abdul Majid (25) of Jubadal and Rafiuddin (35) and Aslam Ali Khan (35) of BNP were rushed to the Faridpur Health Complex.

Another report says: A speeding truck crushed a rickshaw van on the Pabna-Nagarbari highway Saturday, killing two people and injuring another.

The dead were identified as Shafigul alias Liton (8) of Shahidnagar and Moqbul Hossain (30) of Kashinathpur villages in Sathia thana.

Police said the accident occurred as the Nagarbari-bound truck hit the van at village Shahidnagar in Sathia thana at 11 am, killing the two on the spot.

"Stop harassing newspaper hawkers"

NAOGAON, Nov 14: Naogaon Newspaper Hawkers' Society in a meeting recently called upon the political leaders and elite to stop harassing the hawkers during haral hours, reports UNB.

The hawker leaders alleged picketers during the haral hours often create trouble in their professional duty of distributing newspapers.