

District roundup

JAMALPUR

25 victim of dog bites

June 13 Twenty-five people of the district have been affected by hydrophobia disease following biting by pye dogs in the town, reports UNB.

Meantime, the price of injection for hydrophobia has shot up in the open market.

Each ampule of injection is being sold in the market at Taka 2600, which is beyond the reach of the poor patients. As a result, most of the patients are compelled to take *Kabiraj* or other local treatment.

When contacted, poura officials said they have already submitted an indent to the Mokhali Hospital in Dhaka for the injection and are waiting to receive the consignment.

BARGUNA

Open sale of sub-standard medicines

June 13 Sub-standard and contraband drugs are being sold in five thanas including the district town for a long time causing untold suffering to the patients, says UNB.

According to local people, there are about 100 pharmacies in the district, most of them have no licence.

It is learnt that a section of dishonest traders are selling sub-standard and banned medicines to the innocent and helpless patients without any hesitation.

Besides, date expired medicines are also being sold in the market. Many patients complained that after using these sub-standard medicines instead of convalescing they suffered a lot.

It is also alleged that some doctors prescribe low standard and banned medicines to the patients for their own benefit.

Besides, there are a large number of quacks in the rural areas of the district who have no knowledge about medicine.

COMILLA

Discussion on water supply, health held

June 13 A seminar on "Integrated effort to ensure supply of drinking water, proper drainage and personal health problems" was held at Comilla Town hall on May 29, reports UNB.

Jointly organised by Comilla Pourashava, Public Health Engineering Department and UNICEF, it was presided over by Chairman of Comilla Pourashava Kamaluddin Chowdhury. The seminar was also attended by Mr. Rabeya Chowdhury as chief guest.

It was addressed, among others, by Superintending Engineer Kazi Nasiruddin, Civil Surgeon of Comilla Dr Nurul Anwar, CEO of Comilla Pourashava, Nasima Begum and UNICEF Representative Nurul Lasker.

The speakers suggested ways and means to ensure better civic amenities for the slum dwellers. They said due to shortage of pure water people are to use contaminated water from open waterbodies.

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PABNA

12 dies of malaria, kala-azar

June 13 Kala-azar and malaria claimed at least 12 people including five children and affected over 300 in four thanas during the last fortnight, reports UNB.

According to District Health Department, eight people including four children died and over 200 were attacked in sadar, Bhanga, Faridpur and Chatmohar thanas during the period.

Meanwhile, malaria claimed four people and attacked 100 others in the said four thanas during the period.

Civil surgeon of the district said, some 13 medical teams have been working in the affected areas to combat the diseases which he claimed was under control.

B'BARIA

School teachers given training on agriculture

June 13 A 10-day secondary school level training programme on "Krishi Shiksha" was started at Ananda School premises on Saturday, reports UNB.

Inaugurated by Kazi Abid Hossain, Head Master-in-charge of Ananda Government High School, the function was addressed, among others, by District Education Officer Mizanur Rahman and Thana Khrishi Officer Md Shahidullah.

A total of 35 teachers of different high schools and junior high schools attended the training programme.

DINAJPUR

Smuggled goods worth Tk 29 lakh seized in May

June 13 Fifth battalion of Bangladesh Rifles recovered smuggled goods worth Tk 29 lakh during the last month, reports UNB.

According to BDR sources, 10 people were arrested and 454 cases were lodged against the smugglers during the period.

Another report from Sathura says: BDR seized outgoing and incoming smuggled goods worth Tk three lakh from different border areas of the district during the last week.

According to municipality sources, the reason of the increase in the revenue was stated to be earned from an ambitious housing estate complex at Panchabati the first of its kind for the Municipality.

About Taka one crore has been estimated to derive in the budget out of the sale proceeds of the plots of land of the housing complex.

However no new taxes have been imposed on the town dwellers in the budget, the source said.

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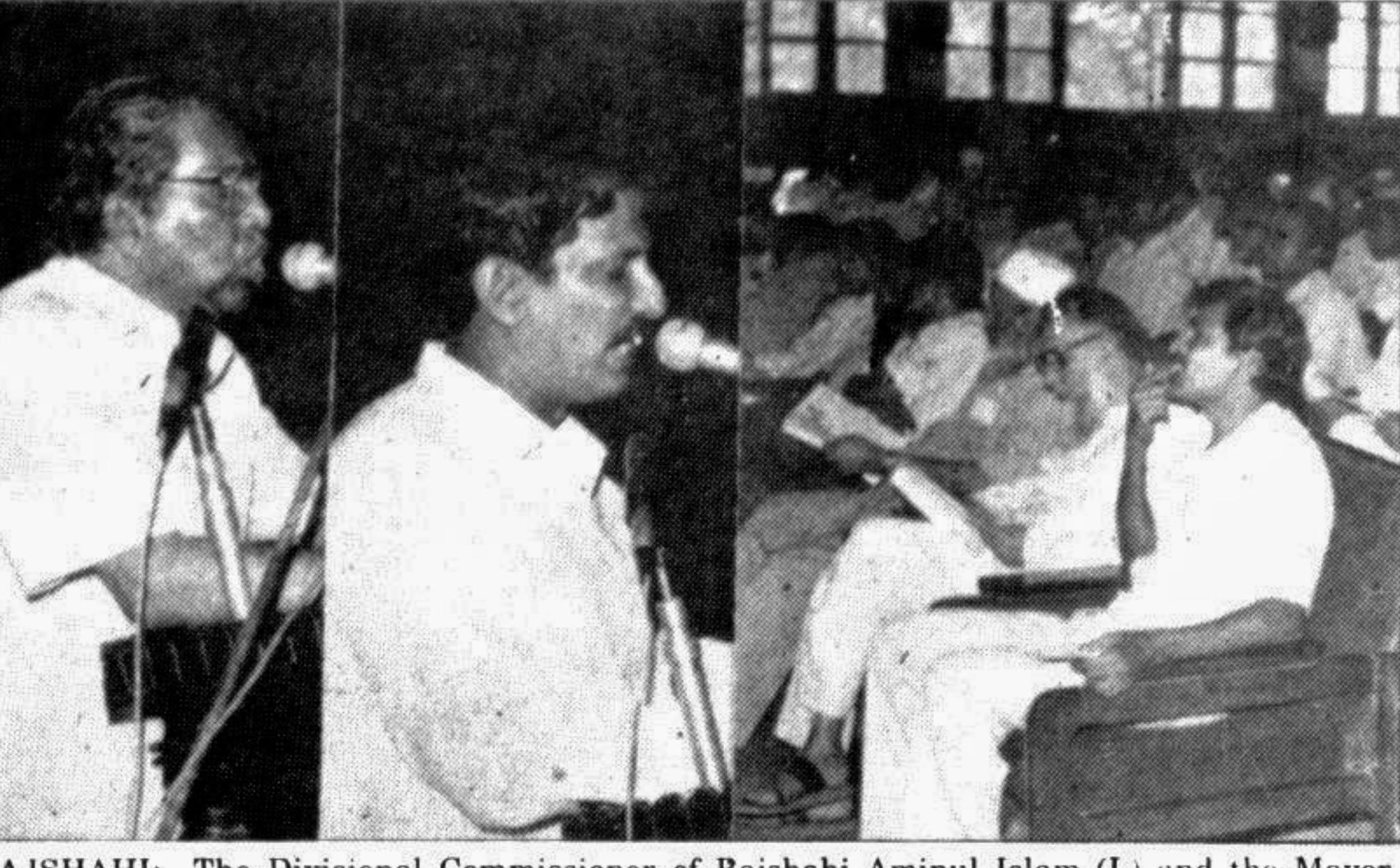
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RAJSHAHI: The Divisional Commissioner of Rajshahi Aminul Islam (L) and the Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu (R) addressing the audience at a seminar on "what to be done for development of Rajshahi" at zilla parishad auditorium

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Marginal farmers in Maijdee Court face economic hardship

MAIJDEE COURT (Noakhali), June 13: A large number of marginal farmers in the district have been facing economic hardship and cannot buy the agricultural inputs for cultivation of their land, reports UNB.

They are compelled to sell their agricultural products in advance to the money lenders at a nominal price. Local people said a maund of paddy is being sold to them at only Tk 100 to 110.

The farmers who can not maintain their daily expenses due to poverty and high price of inputs in the market are forced to go to the money lenders. Taking advantage of the situation, the greedy money lenders are doing brisk business at the cost of the farmers hard labour.

They urged the authority to extend time for repayment of the loans.

The number of drug addicts has been increasing alarmingly in the district giving rise to anti-social activities.

Most of the addicts are rickshaw pullers, transport workers, day labourers, unemployed youths and students.

Nobody dares to say them anything about their public nuisance as the law enforcement authorities are mysteriously reluctant to arrest them.

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Diarrhoea claims five, 500 more attacked

MAIJDEE COURT, (Noakhali), June 13: Diarrhoea that broke out in an epidemic form in five unions of Begumganj thana claimed five lives and affected 500 others, reports UNB.

The worst affected unions are Anneshpara, Aleyarpur, Ainiullahpur, Eklaspur and Begumganj.

Excessive heat, consumption of adulterated food and taking of impure water have been attributed to the outbreak of the disease by the local doctors.

Three awarded five yrs RI

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, June 13: The district and Sessions Judge, Sunamganj while passing his judgement in a kidnap case found three persons guilty and sentenced them to suffer rigorous imprisonment for five years each. The court also ordered them to pay fines of Taka one thousand each or in default suffer imprisonment for three more months each.

The prosecution case, in brief, is that on September 2, 1992 Rabeya Begum was returning home from her father's house accompanied by her brother. All of a sudden she was attacked by three people namely, Tofajul Hossain, Gias Uddin and Abdul Aziz near a place called Bagderban Haor Road of Dharampasha thana. They kidnapped her at arms-point and tried to marry her.

The court after examining all the records and witnesses found the accused persons guilty and passed the said judgement.

Matin urges opposition to join JS session

COMILLA, June 13: Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury urged the opposition to attend the budget session to strengthen the parliamentary democracy in the country, reported BSS.

Parliament is the only highest forum in solving any national issue through mutual discussion, he said.

The Home Minister was addressing as chief guest the conference '94 of Comilla District Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal held at the local Town Hall auditorium here. Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain addressed it as special guest.

Chairman of Comilla District Chhatra Dal Convenor Moshtaq Miah the conference was also addressed by BNP Student Affairs Secretary and DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman MP, BNP Vice President and Comilla District BNP President Begum Rabeya Chowdhury MP, Abu Taher MP, A T M Alamgir MP, Chhatradal President Fazlul Hoque Milon, Chhatradal Leaders Shafiqur Rahman Shafiq, Shahjahan Hawlader Shuzan, Anwar Hosain Faruq and General Secretary of Comilla Jubadal Alaudin Ahmed.

The Energy Minister, in his address, said with the 12th amendment to the constitution, the country has switched over to parliamentary democracy providing all powers to the parliament.

Referring to the opposition demand for caretaker government, he said "it is against the main spirit of parliament democracy where that powers would go back again to the President making the parliament weak."

Dr Mosharraf Hossain al-

leged that a defeated force with the active collaboration of autocracy and anti-liberation forces had been hatching conspiracy to jeopardise democracy achieved after a long struggle and movement.

He called upon the nationalistic democratic forces to unitarily foil any ill motives of any quarter against the hard-earned democracy in the country.

The Home Minister said, "there is no provision of caretaker government in the democratic system." "This unconstitutional and illogical demand of the opposition cannot be acceptable to the nation," he said adding this sort of government has no accountability to the parliament and to the people as a whole.

Redigging of canals on

BARISAL, June 13: Re-excavation of Lakutia Canals in Barisal sadar and Phoparkhan Canal in Mehligon thana is progressing fast, reports BSS.

According to district relief and rehabilitation office sources, government has sanctioned over 315 metric tons of wheat for the implementation of these projects during the current dry season.

Of the total, 25 per cent work is being done under voluntary mass participation basis and rest 75 per cent work under food-for-work programme.

Lakutia canal is being re-excavated at an allocation of over 153 metric tons of wheat and Phoparkhan at an allocation of about 162 metric tons of wheat, the source said.

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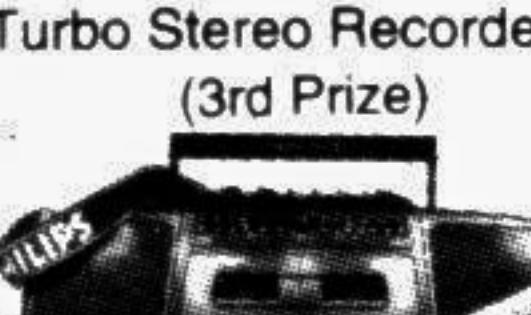
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