

National

District roundup

COMILLA

One commits suicide

June 14: A young man allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself at Shangiswar village of Nagolokote thana in the district last week, says UNB.

Family sources said, the dead, identified as Jahangir 25, took away his life following family quarrel over a petty matter.

A case has been filed with the local police.

Another report adds: District Customs authorities burnt into ashes some contraband goods worth Tk 19 lakh on Saturday.

The goods were seized by the different law enforcing agencies since July 1993 to December 1993 and kept in the godown which became unfit for use, official sources said.

PABNA

Heatwave claims 4 more lives

June 14: The current heatwave claimed four more lives in Pabna district during the last 24 hours, officials said Saturday, reports UNB.

All the victims were day labourers and died while working in the field.

The victims were: Shamu Mondol, 55, of Hamichapur, Qaimuddin, 60, of Pargobindapur and Nazer Ali, 35, of Sarabari in sadar thana and Moner Molla, 48, of Awtapara in Iswardi thana.

M'BAZAR

Cattle diseases claim 786, 2000 more attacked

June 14: Cattle diseases that broke out in an alarming proportion so far claimed 786 animals and attacked 2,000 others in the last three months, reports UNB.

The disease locally known as "Khura" causes infection in jaws and hooves while another disease popularly known as "Galaful Rog" cripple the animals.

The worst affected thanas are: Rajnagar, Barkhela, Kulaura, Kamalganj and sadar where about 2,000 cattleheads have already been affected by the both the diseases.

Local farmers alleged that many cattlehead also died due to wrong treatment by unqualified veterinary doctors, compounders and field assistants of different livestock hospitals.

SATKHIRA

Free eye camp held

June 14: A free eye camp was held here on Thursday under the auspices of the Rotary club, reports BSS.

Dr M R Khan Child specialist, Mujibur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Satkhira, Rtn Kazi Abdul Mazid, Managing Director, National Bank, and Kazi Fatema Mazid, Secretary Inner Wheel Club Ramna Dhaka spoke in the inaugural function. A large number of eye patients were given treatment. Operations were conducted upon those who needed them.

Free medicines and glasses were supplied by the Rotary Club.

RAJBARI

'Govt attaches top priority to education'

June 14: State Minister for Cultural Affairs Professor Jahana Begum said, an educated nation is the pre-requisite to ensure national progress and prosperity and therefore the present government has attached top priority on the education sector for achieving the desired goal of prosperous nation, reports BSS.

The state minister was addressing an inaugural function of a mass-education centre at the Gualand thana under Rajbari organised by association for women rights implementation of Bangladesh. General Secretary of Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (JASSAS) Zahid Hussain Chunnu and President of Dhaka City JASSAS Emran Saleh Prince were present on the occasion.

She said, it is our moral obligation of all to extend cooperation for implementing mass education programme which was initiated by Shahid President Ziaur Rahman.

SIRAJGANJ

Dacoits injure 20 passengers

June 14: Twenty persons were injured as dacoits swooped on a boat, some seven km off Jagannathganj ghat in the Jamuna river Friday, reports UNB.

Police said, the dacoits attacked the boat carrying passengers of Padma express train from Jagannathganj to Sirajganj ghat at about 3.40 am and decamped with about two lakh taka.

Abdul Aziz (40), cash assistant of Bangladesh Railway's Rajshahi Division, received head injury. He was first treated at the local railway hospital and then sent to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

JHENIDAH

Orientation programme on AIDS held

June 14: A day-long orientation programme on AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases (STD) was held at the local Press club on Monday, reports UNB.

The programme was jointly organised by Association for Integrated Socio-Economic Development for Under Privileged People (ASDUP) and Voluntary Health Services Society (VHSS).

Presided over by President of ASDUP M Alfazuddin, it was attended by Civil Surgeon A T Rahman as chief guest, Project Officer of AIDS-Education Rhanuddin Ahmed Raju in his address dwelt at length on the cause and prevention of AIDS and STD.

The speakers said the venereal diseases have been spreading due to sex abuse and lack of socially established norms. They said obeying of religious injunctions is the only panacea to the deadly diseases like AIDS and STD.

They called for every precaution as they diseases are spreading in different countries and scores of people are dying every day.

Notes From Madaripur

Cultivation in the district is being hampered adversely due to acute shortage of bullocks, reports UNB.

According to sources, about 60 to 70 per cent farmers of the district have no bullocks to till their lands and some are seen ploughing their land by hiring bullocks on share basis. As a result a vast tract of land remain uncultivated every year.

Meanwhile, price of bullock has shot up in the market which is beyond the reach of the marginal farmers.

Livestock officials said due to recurrent flooding, cyclones and other natural calamities huge number of bullocks are lost every year.

Moreover, due to scarcity of fish cows are being slaughtered every day in the market as people are increasingly buying beef. They also said cattle diseases every year are claiming large number of animals causing the shortage acute.

Moreover, a gang of miscreants are engaged in cattle lifting.

Quacks on rise

Quacks and unlicensed medical practitioners are on rise in the rural areas of the district taking advantage of ignorance of the poor people, social workers said.

A number of educated young men who failed to get any job have taken up quackery and engaged themselves in medical practise to earn their livelihood.

They said very few of them have basic training on health care. Most of others are not only deceiving the people but also creating grave health problems by prescribing wrong medicines.

Poor people, mainly landless and day labourers, who can hardly afford the cost of treatment at hospitals and private clinics are compelled to go to the unscrupulous quacks.

It is also alleged that some compounders and other staff members of the health complexes are prescribing medicine to ignorant patients in the absence of doctors.

Local people alleged the several people were died due to maltreatment of the quacks and compounder in the recent past.

Load-shedding hampers output

Frequent power disruption and load-shedding in the district have been shattering the production in mills and factories for a long time, reports UNB.

Power goes four to five times a day causing financial loss to the entrepreneurs and retrenching of workers further raising the unemployment situation in the district.

Domestic and commercial consumers approached the Power Development Board authorities to take immediate measures to remove the problems but the situation is going worse day by day.

Local people alleged that some corrupt PDB employees were involved in malpractices and earning a lot by giving unauthorised connections aggravating the load shedding.

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SYLHET: The leaders of greater Sylhet Ganabadi Parishad handing over a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner recently. The council members called to realise major demands of the greater Sylhet region. — Star photo

Soil fertility of crop land in Rajshahi reduced

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, June 14: The soil fertility of crop land in the northern districts has been reduced to a great extent over the years resulting in decrease in production of produce.

According to experts who conducted experiments on the subject, the production capacity of the soil in the region has fallen by 25 to 30 per cent during the last five years. Output from High Yielding Varieties (HYV) of seeds has also decreased to 45 to 50 maunds per acre of land as against 60 to 70 maunds. The change in declining condition of production were seen in a number of districts of the northern region.

It is learnt that the adverse effect of Farakka barrage, change in climate, excessive use of inorganic fertilizers and pesticides and unplanned cultivation system were the major causes behind reduction of soil fertility.

According to the Bangladesh Agriculture Department Corporation (BADC) sources, inorganic fertilizers and pesticides are being used repeatedly in cultivating paddy, wheat, sugarcane, potato, jute and various types of vegetable. Among them potash and phosphorus are common chemical fertilizers while sulphur and zinc are used as often as the farmers want.

The sources further added that the ratio for use of the fertilizers are often not properly followed by the farmers resulting in poor output of the product. Pesticides having strong chemical content are also applied frequently to destroy pests. This sometimes give opposite reaction as the chemicals rather harm the produce while killing the pests. It is learnt that excessive use of fertilizers make the crops more susceptible to pest attack to sugarcane, jute, potato, vegetables and some other crops all over the northern districts.

Among these, urea, potash and phosphate are the common chemical fertilizers while sulphur and zinc fertilizers also being used in most of the areas in an increasing rate.

BADC sources say that the ratio and combination of different fertilizers are often not decided as per requirement of the land. Often some fertilizers are used unnecessarily. At the same time strong pesticides are being repeatedly applied to contain pest attack on crops.

While organic manures are being seldom used. It is learnt that excessive use of fertilizers make crops more susceptible to pest attack.

Water bearing capacity of soil is also being gradually decreased for lack of sufficient organic elements.

Huge amount of sand carried away by storm from the vast shoals of about 40 rivers including the Padma, the Mahananda, the Karota etc. is also changing the consistency of soil every year.

The fertile humus layer of soil is being damaged due to

expected for long lasting drought and rainlessness in the dry season and floods and stagnation of water in the rainy season causing gradual decrease in soil fertility.

Repeated cultivation of the same crop in the same land is another factor behind the fertility decrease. Paddy, sugarcane, potato and wheat are the crops which are usually cultivated repeatedly in the same land in the northern area and it has been shown that production of these crops has decreased considerably when cultivated.

Primary schools in Sherpur face problems

SHERPUR, June 14: Most of the government and non-government primary schools of the district are facing manifold problems hampering the implementation of the universal primary education programme, reports UNB.

According to officials, there are 358 government and 160 registered non-government primary schools in five thanas of the district. But most of them have been facing accommodation problems due to increasing number of enrolments in every academic session.

Mentionable that government has been implementing new programmes including wheat for education scheme to

Teleprinter services remain suspended in Jamalpur

JAMALPUR, June 14: The telegram communication of the district with rest of the country remained suspended since last week, reports UNB.

Official sources said the teleprinter service has been disrupted as one of the machines of the VFT at Jamalpur had gone out of order after it was struck by a thunderbolt on May 30.

They said, they could not ascertain the fault in a particular machine and hence the repair work could not be started. The matter has been informed to the Head Office in Dhaka, they added.

raise the number of primary students in the country.

But due to shortage of teachers, furniture and necessary appliances many schools cannot afford additional students. Most of the schools also lack adequate water supply system and sanitary latrines.

Moreover, many schools damaged by the cyclone, flood and other natural calamities are yet to be repaired. In some schools inconveniences.

It is alleged that teachers in many schools do not attend their classroom duties regularly. Guardians alleged that on the basis of underhand understanding with the local education officers some teachers attend the schools once in a week just to put their signature on the attendance register. Most of the time they remain busy with their household or other jobs hampering education adversely.

they also alleged that in some schools there are more teachers than the actual requirement while there are less than the actual need in some other schools.

Betel-leaf output on decrease in Netrakona

NETRAKONA, June 14: Betel-leaf production is decreasing fast in the district as the growers have been facing manifold problems for a long time, reports UNB.

Scarcity of raw materials like jute sticks, bamboo, oilcake pesticides and other necessary inputs are the main causes for the low production.

The Daily Star

WorldCupUSA94 Quiz Competition

Prizes:

- 1st Prize: Powervision CTV 21" (Tk. 26,950)
- 2nd Prize: Philips B/W TV 17" (Tk. 7,200)
- 3rd Prize: Turbo Stereo Recorder (Tk. 5,500)
- 4th Prize: 4 Dozens of Philips Bulbs (Tk. 1,200 X 5 Prizes)

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INTRODUCTION:

A. The Daily Star World Cup Quiz'94 is a series of 6(six) Quiz Competitions on World Cup Football. Each quiz edition will be published for 10(ten) consecutive days in the Sports Page of The Daily Star as the first Silver Quiz Competition. For the last and final Bumper Quiz Competition a set of questions will be published for one month in the Sports Page of The Daily Star according to the schedule. (Fixture of the World Cup Final as fixed by The Daily Star)

B. For the first Silver Quiz Competitions there will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th consolation prizes. The prizes will be Colour TV, Black & White TV, Super Turbo 2 in 1 Stereo Recorder and light bulbs respectively.

C. Any taxes or levies as per rule for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the winners.

D. Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.

For the Bumper Quiz Competition, there will be the BUMPER PRIZE consisting of a ticket to the World Cup Final match, along with an amount of Tk. 100,000/- in cash in lieu of air fare and living expenses. The Bumper Prize Winner will have to make his/her own arrangements for any air or other travel expenses that may be required. The BUMPER PRIZE will have to make his/her own arrangements in this regard. In case of the Bumper Prize winner's inability to travel to the USA he/she may choose to receive a sum of Tk. 100,000/- in cash in lieu of the air fare and living expenses.

RULES

1. Residents of Bangladesh, subject to these rules, will be eligible to participate in The Daily Star World Cup Quiz'94. All personnel and family members of The Daily Star, Transcom Electronics Ltd and Unirend (advertising agency) and all its affiliate companies shall be deemed disqualified to participate in The Daily Star World Cup Quiz'94.

2. Participants are to cut the original form along the indicated dotted lines. All entries must be submitted on the original form printed in The Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.

3. Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box which they think is the correct answer to the question. A person may send as many entries in one day as he/she wants.

4. Each entry form should be clearly filled-in complete with a ball-point pen. Participant's name, address, father's name must be clearly written. Each entry form must bear the correct date and signature of the participant.

5. Participants must enclose the following: All entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "STAR QUIZ". Entries may be hand delivered or sent by post to The Daily Star House No:11, Road No:3, Dhanmandi Residential Area, Dhaka: 1200.

6. Entries will be opened by The Daily Star authorities. Entries with all correct answers will be placed in a sealed box for the lucky draw to be held on the notified/appointed date in public in the presence of invited guests and quiz participants, if any.

7. The Daily Star authorities, in their absolute discretion, reserve the right to amend, modify or substitute any of the above rules and/or change or reschedule any and all dates of The Daily Star World Cup Quiz'94 in any circumstances.

8. All participants agree to abide by all rules, instructions and guide-lines as may be issued, from time to time, by The Daily Star authorities. Participants' agreement to all such rules, instructions and guidelines.

9. Any decision of The Daily Star authorities in the conduct of the Quiz Competition including the answers selected as correct shall be deemed final and binding on all participants and shall not be called in question and/or challenged in any manner whatsoever.

Entries close on 24-06-94

Read the instructions carefully. Then tick (✓) the answer which you think is correct.

- Who is the oldest player to have scored in the WC finals?
- Which African team first won a game in the WC finals?
- Who was the last winning captain to lift the World Cup in his own club stadium?
- How many players did Brazil use to win the 1