

District roundup

C'NAWABGANJ Prices of essential commodities have shot up in the local markets of the district during the last few days, reports UNB.

According to the roaming reporters, the prices of sugar, meat and kerosine oil are on rise causing hardships to the low income group of people.

Meanwhile, prices of rice, ata and vegetables are also on rise in different markets of the district.

Local people alleged with the announcement of the new budget the traders community have enhanced the prices of essentials in the absence of proper check by the concerned authorities.

They are creating artificial scarcity in the market, to earn maximum profit, they added.

World Environment Day observed

June 19: The World Environment Day was observed in the district recently, reports BSS.

Elaborate programmes were drawn up to mark the day. A colourful rally was held by students government officials, elite and different socio-cultural organizations.

A seminar on one world one family was held at the conference room of the deputy commissioner of Barisal.

Walkie-talkie recovered

June 19: Khulna police recovered the snatched away walkie-talkie of a Sub-Inspector of DGFIR recently from a residence at Delta Ghat of the town, reports UNB.

Acting on secret information, police raided the house and found the set in a handbag. Police also arrested Zaman and Kalam in this connection.

Mysterious death

June 19: Mystery shrouds over the death of Champa (12), a maid servant of village Panthara in sadar thana of the district, reports UNB.

Police said Champa was working at the house of one Nazrul Islam of the same village. The inmates of the house sent her to sadar hospital in a critical condition where the doctors declared her dead.

The inmates said Champa took poison to commit suicide but they could not give the reasons for the same which has created doubt among the villagers.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 25 min. and a list of words to be found.

Boy killed in road mishap

June 19: A boy was killed and five others were injured in a road accident at Tambulkhan in sadar thana recently, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the accident occurred when a bus ran over Nazrul Islam (7) and plunged into the road side ditch.

Fire service men rushed to the spot and sent the injured passengers to the hospital.

Four killed in gunfight

June 19: Four people were killed in a gun fight between the activists of two rival outlawed parties at a village in Tala thana of the district recently, reports UNB.

Both the Pubra Bangla Communist party and Biplobi Group suddenly traded fire at Atharui village in the thana on Sunday afternoon which left four dead on the spot.

They are: Haroon (22), Salam (25), Habibur Rahman (25) of Biplobi Group and Nazrul (34) of Pubra Bangla Communist Party, police added.

Armed dacoits loot Tk 40,000

June 19: Armed dacoits wearing masks looted valuables worth Tk 3.55 and cash Tk 40,000 from houses of three doctors at Ghior thana health complex recently, reports UNB.

Police said, a group of dacoits, split in three groups of 8 to 10 men, entered the houses of Health Officer Nurul Islam, Dr Prithish and another doctor with cut rifle and ram dao by breaking the door at 2 pm.

They beat the inmates, tied them up and looted the cash, 16 tolas of gold and goods and belongings.

A case has been filed with the local thana in this connection.

Two NGO officials detained

June 19: Two officials of a local NGO were detained and their office at Bosepara in the town was sealed by police recently on charges of swindling about Tk 1.75 crore, reports UNB.

The accused were identified as Abdus Salam (42), chairman of Peoples Development Programme (PDP), a forged non-government organisation and Ranjit Chakrabarti (32), its administrative secretary, police said.

The accused had allegedly fraudulently collected a sum of Tk 1.75 crore from some 90,000 members of PDP in the name of Savings Samity during last one year and misappropriated the fund.

Police said the had seized all papers of the PDP office. The two people were also wanted in another case of cheating about Tk 1 crore from Modhupur in Tangail district, police said.



SIRAJGANJ: A section of the floating prostitutes from the abolished brothels of the town area have recently taken shelter along the bank of Jamuna river near the Sirajganj launch terminal polluting the environment as well as engendering moral degradation among the teenagers of the area.

Cerebral malaria claims more lives in Sunamganj

SYLHET, June 19: The Cerebral Malaria situation in Sunamganj district remained unchanged with more deaths of patients. The killer disease attacked more people in different thanas during the last few weeks.

The total number of lives claimed by the disease since January now stood at 266, an official source disclosed this to this correspondent. Of them, 178 died in Jahirpur thana, 83 in Dharmapasha and seven in Biswambarpur thana. The disease continued to spread to the adjoining villages in Doarabazar, Dharmapasha, Biswambarpur and Sunamganj sadar thana, the source added.

However, the unofficial sources claimed the number of deaths caused by the disease at one thousand five hundred.

Most of the patients from the remote areas can not contact health workers or physicians at the thana headquarters due to absence of communication facilities. This is why a good number of deaths remained unreported with the health department.

Meanwhile, the Health Department is yet to arrange the engine boats for health workers and physicians to reach the patients in the affected remote areas. The poor people can not move to the Thana Health Complex or Temporary Medical camps due to lack of transport facilities.

A proposal for arranging boats was sent to the Health Directorate few months ago by the district authorities, but it still awaits approval, it is alleged. The medical team working in the areas have been suffering much for want of necessary transport. It is observed.

A high-level team comprising representatives from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and Health Directorate reached Tahirpur with some 600 pieces of mosquito nets for distribution among the villagers. About one thousand mosquito nets were already distributed, informed an official.

Medical experts from the WHO after visiting the affected areas suggested for arranging aerial spraying of anti-malarial insecticides in the areas. But the Health Department raised objections on the plea of pollution of environment. However, they agreed to spray Malathion. But no step has yet been taken to spray the medicines.

One killed, 40 hurt in clashes in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, June 19: A man was killed and 40 others were injured in a series of clashes between the people of two villages in Shahjadpur thana of the district recently, reports UNB.

The clash ensued on Sunday after a cow from Alokdiar village entered the paddy field of Alauddin of Nukali village and ate his standing crops. Alauddin along with his associates went to Alokdiar village and abused the owner of the cow that led to the clash which continued for several hours. Residents of the two villages, taking side of their respective co-villager, were engaged in the clash.

On Monday, the two sides clashed again with lethal weapons that left one dead and 40 injured, four seriously. Forman Ali (35) of Alokdiar village succumbed to his injuries at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) early today (Tuesday).

Of the four critically injured, Rashid (31) of Alokdiar village was admitted to RMCH and the three others — Alauddin (35), Alam Sarker (30) and Abdur Razzak — were shifted to Potazia Health Complex, police said.

Assistant Superintendent of Police Arjun Haque visited the spot today (Tuesday). A case was filed with Shahjadpur thana in this connection by none arrested yet.

Harassment on journalists condemned

SIRAJGANJ, June 19: Different organisations here condemned the harassment of the journalists of the Janakantha and urged the government to withdraw the case against its newsmen, says UNB.

In a joint-statement on Wednesday, leaders of opposition political parties, journalists and some elite of Sirajganj town expressed grave concern over the repression on journalists of the daily.

Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals G. The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BAAS confce date shifted

AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh), June 19: A three-day Science Conference of the Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science (BAAS) will be held at the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) on 22-24 June, 1994, according to a notification issued by the BAAS organizing committee, says a BAU press release.

The eighteenth science conference which was scheduled to be held on 21-23 June, 1994 has been shifted to June 22-24 due to Ashura holiday of Muharram.

Few narrow roads, more rickshaws in Noakhali town

From Our Correspondent MAJDEE COURT (Noakhali), June 19: The increase in the number of rickshaws and rickshaw pullers has been causing a lot of sufferings to the residents of the Noakhali pourashava over the last three years. At least 6000 rickshaws are now playing on the narrow 45 miles pucca roads within eight square miles area of the pourashava.

The roads, specially in the main commercial areas of the town, remain blocked by rickshaws causing hindrance to the movement of pedestrians.

The people while moving on the roads of the main town have to remain stranded from place to place due to hap hazard parking by the rickshaw pullers.

Quite a large number of rickshaws both, of Noakhali pourashava and outlying unions reportedly ply within the pourashava area.

Traditional boatmen in Madaripur face problems

From Our Correspondent

MADARIPUR, June 19: Hundreds of traditional boatmen have been passing their days in extreme hardship as a large number of mechanised boats are plying on different routes of Madaripur and Shariatpur district.

The engine boats are ferrying passengers from Madaripur sadar, Kalkini, Rajtor, Shibchar, and Shariatpur sadar, Bhedorganj, Naria, Bhozeshor, Goshairhat and Palong thanas. As a result, the traditional boatmen of these areas have been facing uncertainty being unable to earn their livelihood.

Mentionable that the number of engine boats has steadily increased over the years, while journey by these boats are often hazardous and risky due

to lack of proper system. In most boats there is no system for controlling the speed during the service time. A boat cannot be halted in case of emergency. The light engine boats can go backward in times of necessity.

Instead of search light, the boat owners use low powered torch light which can endanger the lives of passengers any time. The drivers are also not trained and most of them have no licence.

According to government rules survey and registration of these boats are must, but nobody abides by the rules. The low enforcing agencies are not taking any action against the illegal plying boats for the reason best known of them.



Rickshaws scattered in Dattarhat area in Noakhali town.

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