Seven people killed in separate road mishaps

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, July 30: A middle aged man of Horipur village in Nowabganj pourashava was killed in road mishap on Chapainawabganj Dhaka highway near his village

on Wednesday, reports UNB. The victim identified as Nased Ali, 42, was knocked down by a speeding minibus from behind while he was going to his place of work. He died on the spot.

Later, the body was sent to sadar hospital for autopsy. A case has been registered. Another two people were

Two people were killed and

According to police, a truck

one injured in two separate

road accidents on Magura-

hit Zohirul Kabir, 25 and

Mamun, 35 on the road near

Inchakanda hat who were re-

turning to Jhenidah district

sadar hospital where Zohirul

Kabir succumbed to his in-

juries on July 18. Later.

Mamun was shifted to Dhaka

In an another accident, a

jeep hit Tokon. 8 while he was

crossing the same road. He

died on the spot. His body was

sent to hospital morgue for au-

They were rushed to the

Jhenidah road last week.

riding on a motorcycle.

for better treatment.

Nagarbari highway. also killed in road mishaps in Sufia Khatun was runover by the district this week. another truck running towards Nagarbari from Bogra while Magura

crossing the highway. Drivers of both the truck fled the scene. Two cases were filed with the respective thanas.

Separate cases were lodged

Two persons were killed

The dead were identified as

Sirajganj

including a woman in separate

road accidents in two thanas of

Bisha Sheikh, 50 of Bhuiyagati

in Raiganj thana and Sufia

Khatun, 51 of Sarisagola in

the spot when Bogra bound

speeding truck from Nagarbari

hit him t Bhuiyagati on Bogra-

Bisha Sheikh was killed on

the district Thursday.

Shahjadpur, police said.

with the police.

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Our Natore Correspondent adds: Two persons were killed in a road accident. The victims were identified as Shahana Akhtar Rani, 30 and Abul Hossain, 40. Four other people were also seriously injured when a Sirajganj bound truck (Commilla-TA-6507) from Rajshahi hit a rickshaw in Vatodara village near Hasina Cinema Hall in the town. The injured persons are rickshawpuller Faziur Rahman, 28 and cattle businessman Eunus 35. Monser Shaikh, 40, and Joain Mollah, 35.

Economic importance of tree plantation increasing: Noman

MANIKGANJ, July 30; Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah al Noman said the people's confidence in the economic importance of the tree plantation has gradually been increasing, reports UNB.

That is also reflected in the implementation of the national tree plantation programme, he added.

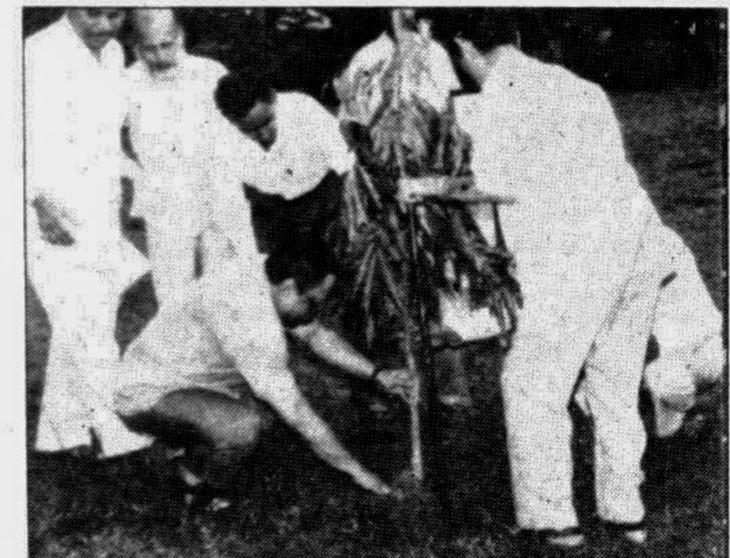
He was addressing as chief guest at inaugural function of tree plantation programme at the premises of Corpora-dighi Junior Girls High School in Sadar thana and releasing fish fries at the big pond.

Emphasising the purpose of taking massive programme for tree plantation, planned pisciculture, dairy and poultry farming, the minister said the present democratic government has been trying hard for increasing the internal resources through creating opp ortunities of self-employment to improve the lot of the common masses.

"Planned pisciculture has become imperative due to the decrease of fish production from the natural sources and the climate and landscape of our country is well suited to pisciculture", he said.

Referring to the personal attention of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for the expansion of these planned programmes Noman also said great enthusiasm has been created in these fields.

Presided over by the president of managing committee of the school and Executive Editor of Janakantha Borhan Ahmed, the function was addressed, among others, by Alhaj Nijamuddin Ahmed Khan MP, Harunar Rashid Khan MP, Secretary of managing committee Shah Moklesur Rahman and Deputy Commissioner Murtaza Hossain Munshi.



AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): Vice-Chancellor Dr Shah Mohammad Farouk planting a sapling in front of the BAU club organised by the Association for the Aged Teachers and Officers of the Bangladesh Agriculture - BAU photo University.

164 murders in six months

Criminal activities on rise in Khulna Div

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, July 30: A total of 164 murders were committed in 59 thanas of 10 districts in Khulna Division during last six months ending June this year.

Rivalry among outlawed party activists, litigation on land property, personal enmity, claims of dowry are reportedly the main causes of these murders, according to police sources.

Reports say that 34 murders were committed in eight thanas of Jessore, 40 in six thanas of Jhenidah, seven in three thanas of Narail, 20 in four thanas of Magura, eleven in nine thanas of Khulna, 15 in

Chilling plant cow's milk in Faridpur soon

FARIDPUR, July 30: A milk chilling plant will be set up at Faridpur by Milk Vita to facilitate temporary preservation of surplus cow's milk of this area. This was disclosed by Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Yusuf, reports BSS.

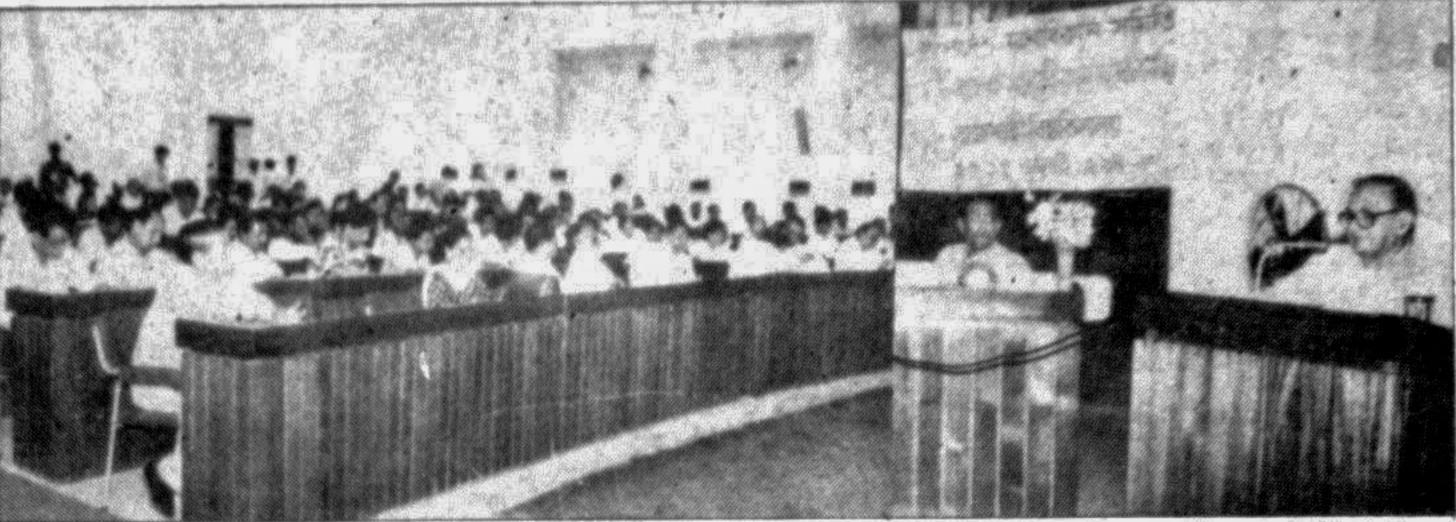
seven thanas of Satkhira, 19 in six thanas of Kushtia, 19 in four thanas of Chuadanga and, eight in two thanas of Meherpur districts. Forty-nine robberies, 72 hijackings and 441 riots also took place throughout the division during the period.

nine thanas of Bagerhat, 21 in

According to another source, in eight thanas of Jessore district a total of 2,500 different types of crimes were committed during the same period.

It is learnt that the murder of Shamsul Haque of Chowgacha thana in Jessore committed in last June still is a mystery. It is also alleged that miscreants mostly in rural areas are freely moving about. In this thana alone major crimes including murders have increased in recent days, it is observed.

According to police sources, a total of 276 unauthorised arms and huge quantities of ammunitions were recovered from various places of the division by conducting special operations during this period.



Professor Md Shamsul Haque, Chairman of Rajshahi University Grant Commission addressing a conference held at the - Star photo RU senate bhaban recently.

Hen turns into cock!

CHANDPUR, July 30: An egg laying hen has turned into a cock at Puran Bazar town last week!

To the surprise of all, the hen which laid eggs was found one fine morning transformed into a feathered cock with a large red crest.

The hen belonged to Sakina Begum, wife of Babul Talukder of the town.

Sakina Begum noticed the change first when she went to collect eggs and found none. The owner said the change in the hen's body took place within a couple of

Evewitness said the new cock, with its large crest is now seen chasing neighbouring hens and crows at dawn every now and then.

A local veterinary doctor told UNB that excess hormone might have caused the change in the hen.

Meanwhile, people from near and far are rushing to see the new "cock" at the residence of the Babul Talukder.

Three awarded life-term imprisonment

COMILLA, July 30: Three people were awarded life imprisonment for murdering a man, court sources said here recently, reports UNB. The court also fined them

Tk 2000 each, in default, to suffer rigorous imprisonment for one year more. The case, in brief, was that Moslem, son of Sona Mia of vil-

lage Gallai in Chandina was at tacked and killed by co-vil lagers, Rafiq, Abdul Matin, Sultan and their accomplices in May 1985 following a dispute over a plot of land.

The father of the deceased filed a case with the police and after investigation police submitted chargesheet against the three main accused.

Clashes leave 50 injured in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, July 30 : Some 50 people, including women, were injured in a series of clashes between two rival groups over catching fish from a 'khas' pond at Shahidganj village in sadar thana of the district Friday, reports UNB.

Of the injured, ten in serious condition were admitted at the Sirajganj General Hospital. The injured were identified as, Sharmina, 14, daughter of Farid of Shahidgani, and Swapan, 22 of Uttarpara.

The rival groups of Sayadhangara and Uttarpara villages were involved in clashes on two occasions. Both sides used bombs, iron roads and

Frequent cultivation of HYV crops reduces soil fertility

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, July 30; Fertility of land is dicreasing due to frequent cultivation of High Yielding Varieties (HYV) of said employees. crops in 10 southern districts according to an agriculture scientist.

"The peasants of our country are not educated and trained. Lack of proper knowledge prevail in them. They cultivate crops just after harvesting of previous crops. But time space is required for the land," said the scientist.

He observed lack of gypsum and zinc in fertilisers affects growth of crops. Peasants use zypsum and zinc but not in proper proportion. As a result; they are not getting optimum result even after repeated use of fertilizers.

He also said that thousands of agricultural block supervi sors (BS) are deployed to keep contact with the peasants. But even five per cent of the peasants do not know their local

block supervisors and they have been deprived of proper advise and knowledge from the

The source also expressed that minimum five per cent organic materials is required for the soil of these areas but the per cent is said to be only point five per cent which is harmful for crop growth

Use of pesticides decrease

Use of pesticides has de creased throughout the coun try during last five years.

According to reports, about ten thousand metric tons of pesticides has been used in the country to control pest and in the country. insect Integrated pest management (IPM) is becoming popular day by day. As a result use of insecticides is dicreasing gradually Due to implementation of IPM yield of crops has increased one maund to six maunds per acre, a source said. Pollution of

environment is also dicreasing for this reason.

The source said, about two crore acres of land is used for paddy cultivation and about twenty per cent crops is damaged by pests attack, insecticides and by other means. As a result, the peasants are deprived of crops worth Taka two thousand crore every year After implementation o Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system production cost is also decreasing.

It may be noted that IPM system was introduced in 1981 under the financial and technical assistance of Food and Agricultural Organisation

An agricultural scientist said that, use of pesticides not only destroys pest but also kills the useful lives like frogs. other insects, fish. The lead particles in insecticides is also harmful to cows, goats, and other animals.

Mushroom growth of pathological labs creates health problem From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, July 30: Muse hroom growth of unauthorised pathological laboratories in seven thanas of Satkhira district creates great health problem to the patients.

Most of the pathological laboratories exist only in the name and they have no experienced pathologists. As a result patients are not getting proper diagnostic reports from these laboratories. There are 86 pathological

laboratories in different thanas including district headquarters. But only 18 to 25 laboratories have qualified pathologists and other staff.

As per government rules, if anybody wants to establish a pathological laboratory, one has to submit duly filled up form mentioning the name of the doctor, experiences, educational qualification, ar- vine blessings.

rangement for supplying wa-

ter, electricity, space of the room, particulars of pathological apparatus etc. But these pathological laboratories do not fulfil these requirements.

Most of these pathological laboratories have been running

Special munajat for rainfall

DINAJPUR, July 30: A special munajat for rainfall was offered at Shatnalagaon village in Chirirbandar thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

According to witnesses hundreds of people of the village gathered at the local Model School field to attend the grand munajat seeking ditheir brisk business without li-

It is alleged that the nonqualified technicians of the laboratories examine urine stool, blood etc and supply wring reports and the incharges of the pathological laboratories only sign the examination report.

Besides, some doctors of the town and different thanas established small pathological laboratories in their chambers for extra earnings. While talking to local doc-

tors, they said that most of the reports provided by these laboratories are wrong.

On the other hand, neces sary equipments are absent in these laboratories and proprietors of these laboratories are taking excessive fees from the patients violating laboratory regulations.

Shoals affect navigation

GOPALGANJ, July 30: River traffic in 10 routes of five than as of Gopalganj district is being hampered as numerous shoals have emerged in two main rivers and 12 khals adversely affecting commercial activities

Boatmen said a large number of shoals have emerged in different parts of the Katilapara, Tungipara, Borni, Kathi, Ramdia, Goalgram, Bhangarhat, Silna, Radhaganj, Ujani khals.

They also said water level in the rivers and khals have also fallen sharply due to adverse effect of the Farakka barrage. On the other hand salinity of the river water has increased

From Our Correspondent intensifying the problems of the farmers.

According to experts, immediate steps are needed to avoid gradual desertification. They also stressed need for regular dredging of the river beds to help improve navigation facilities.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Water Development Board embankment by the river Modhumati at Gobra, Suktail, Modhupur and Sultan Shahi in Gopälganj sadar thana and Chapta, Gonapara and Ratail in Kashiami thana has been

threatened by river erosion. Portions of embankment may collapse at any time and inun-

Crop fields and shrimp enclosures are also likely to be submerged due to on rush of the river water if necessary measures are not taken immediately. There are about 15 villages, 10,000 acres of crop land, 100 shrimp projects within the periphery of the embankment, local people in

Crops and fish worth crores of taka will be affected in the area if the embankment is protected.

date neighbouring villages.

prepare the food in dirty and unhygienic way. The foodstuffs have been prepared and stored in the open space most of the time. Flies are seen moving in and around the foodstuffs. It has been alleged that the hotel owners use adulterated edible oil and other substandard in-

> Moreover, they are seen selling stale food before the very nose of the law enforcing agency, local people alleged.

gredients for preparing the

The rural people who come to the district headquarters for various purposes are to take food in these hotels and most of them fell sick after taking the food in the hotels.

The matter was brought to the notice of the authorities concerned time and again but no action has yet been taken in this regard, the consumers

KUSHTIA

IU students condemn Ctg killings July 30: Democratic Stu-

dent Front, Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I), Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Islami Chhatra Shibir Wednesday organised separate rallies in front of the main gate of the university protesting the Tuesday's killings in Chittagong, says UNB. The progressive student or-

ganisations condemned the killings and demanded judicial inquiry into the matter. They also demanded ban on politics of Jamaat-Shibir.

As all sorts of political rallies are banned on the campus. the student organisations arranged their rallies outside the

KISHOREGANJ

District roundup

JHENIDAH

R&H land on

illegal

occupation

throughout the district under

Roads and Highways Depart-

ment (RHD) has been illegally

occupied by certain quarters

hindering development activi-

some influential people in col-

laboration with some dishonest

R & HD officials were also us-

ing a vast track of agricultural

land and many ponds of the

department for cultivation and

straw and tinsheds, semi-

pucca and pucca shops had

been developed alongside the

roads in recent years ignoring

are constructing large size

buildings on the R & HD land

in six thana headquarters of

gal occupants alleged that

some R & HD officials were

collecting money without giv-

the district R & HD confirmed

that there are more than 500

illegal occupants alongside

Train services

remain

suspended

cation between Rajbari-Vatia-

para remained suspended

during last 15 days due to bad

condition of rail line, reports

Official sources said, rail

communication in the route

has become risky as 75 per

cent sleepers of the line have

gone out of order. The authori-

ties closed the route to avoid

The local people are facing

problems due to absence of

train services. They are now

crossing the long distance on

Local businessmen cannot

send their goods to distant

places due to lack of train ser-

vices. Postal system also col-

lapsed due to the same reason.

Local people urged the con-

cerned authorities to take

necessary steps to restore

train communication without

Unhygienic

condition of

hotels threatens

public health

the district headquarters is be-

ing threatened due to unhy-

gienic condition of the hotels

and restaurants causing great

anxiety among the town

Over the years, the owners

of the hotels and restaurants in

the town continue their busi-

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dwellers, reports UNB.

July 30: Public health in

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PATUAKHALI

July 30: The rail communi

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RAJBARI

accident

July 30: A vast track of land

Absence of basic amenities at rly station

July 30: Absence of basic amenities at the Bhairab riverport railway junction has been causing much inconvenience to the passengers for quite a

long time, reports UNB. The platform area of the station is not adequately covered with overhead sheds to protect the waiting passengers from the scorching heat of sun as well as rain.

Besides, the only waiting room is quite unfit for use as it remains dirty all the time. Poor accommodation arrangement for male and female passengers is another problem. Two waiting rooms at the station have been occupied by the railway staff and police since

Lack of second class waiting room compels the passengers either standing on the platform or move restlessly or occupy first class waiting room.

The urinals and tollets are not regularly cleaned. Unhygienic condition of latrines pollutes the atmosphere of the station.

Numerous potholes have also developed on the platforms and water remains stagnant at several points after a slight rainfall creating much inconvenience to the passen-

The rush of hawkers, teastalls and other shops which occupy the major portions of the platform have been hindering free movement of the passengers especially when the trains arrive at the station.

Rajbari

Fewer customers for jute July 30: The price of new.

jute has come down in different markets of the district due to shortage of buyers and absence of government jute procurement centres, says UNB.

White jute is being sold at Taka 200 per maund while Tosa at Taka 300 per maund which is less than the production cost. Taking advantage of the situation the middlemen and brokers are buying the jute at throw away prices.

*Some jute growers said average cost of production of per maund jute was more than Tk 300 and at present they are forced to sell the new jute at nominal prices due to financial stringency. They said they are

increasingly loosing interest in producing jute. Agriculture Extension Department said jute was cultivated on 12,000 hectares of land in four thanas of the district. They expected that more than one lakh bales of jute would be produced during this

The jute growers of the district have demanded immediate buying of jute by government agencies at fair prices.

RANGPUR

Plan to develop educational institutions

July 30: The present government has undertaken a gigantic programme for developing infrastructures of the government and non-government educational institutions throughout the country, said education minister, reports

ceremony of the new building of Carmichael College and Begum Rokeya College at Rangpur on Saturday. 'The present government aims at both qualitative and quantitative change in the ed-

He was addressing as chief

guest at the foundation laying

people-oriented one,' said the minister. At least 16 educational institutions will be developed in each thana by the current year,

ucation system for making it

he added. Deputy Commissioner Afzal Hossain and BNP leaders Rezaul Hog Sarkar Rana, Nurul Huda Sultan and Rahim Uddin

Bharasha also spoke on the oc-

casion, said a PID handout. The government has already promoted a good number of teachers of the colleges for giving them incentives in quality teaching, he added.

SATKHIRA Smuggled goods seized

July 30: The BDR jawans seized a huge quantity of bicycle parts worth about Tk 27,000 from the frontier area on Tuesday, reports UNB. Acting on a tip off BDR per-

smugglers and seized the spare parts. The BDR sources said the smugglers fled the scene leav-

sonnel challenged a group of

ing the contraband items as they were challenged by them.



BRAHMANBARIA: In the absence of ambulance services, the local people use such a method to carry patients to the local health complex. - Star photo by A K M Mohsin