

Seven commit suicide in Magura

MAGURA, Sept 4: Seven people, including four housewives, in two thanas of the district allegedly committed suicide in last 10 days, reports UNB.

Police said Arzonara Begum, 28, wife of Sheikh Shamsuddin Ahmed of Doramathna village, Rahima Begum, 27, wife of Akram Hossain of Kashinathpur village, Mozam Sheikh, 75, of Monirampur village in sadar thana and Anwar Hossain, 30, son of Shomsher Mollah of Sabinagar village in Sreepur thana killed themselves by taking poison on August 26.

Depali Begum, 22, wife of Moktadir Hossain of village Defulla and Chuttoo Bibi, 45, wife of Ishaque Ali of Champur in sadar thana took their lives by hanging themselves on August 25 and 21.

Golam Qudus, 32, son of, Ayenuddin Ahmed of village Shingardamgar in sadar thana committed suicide by taking poison on August 21.

The incidents of suicides occurred following family feuds, police suspected.

Crime worst than murder

NARSINGDI, Sept 4: Three women were gang raped in Shibpur thana headquarters of the district, according to police.

One Shahidulla Mia of Masimpur village went to the thana town to enjoy a movie along with his wife Fatema, 19, and two nieces Laily, 18, and Lili, 16, on August 13.

A gang of armed youths numbering about 10 swooped on them while they were returning home after enjoying night show. They stopped them at College Gate, tied up Shahidullah, and raped Fatema, Laily and Lili indiscriminately leaving them in an unconscious state.

Later, all the victims were rushed to the Shibpur Thana Health Complex in a critical condition, police added.

Three die in Sirajganj incidents

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 4: Three people died in separate incidents in Sirajganj district on Friday, police and witnesses said, reports UNB.

Ganjer Ali, 52, was killed on the spot when hit by a Nagarbari-bound bus from Bogra at Sahebganj of Raiganj thana at 8 am.

The killer bus sped away from the spot immediately after the accident, local people said. A case was lodged with Raiganj police.

Azhar Ali, 50, a farmer, died instantaneously when he accidentally touched a live electric wire at 6 am. He was working in a field at Tetulia village in Sadar thana.

School girls kidnapped

MAGURA, Sept 4: Two school girls of villages in Sadar and Sreepur thanas of the district have been kidnapped by a group of people recently, reports UNB.

Police said group of people stormed the house of Ananta Kumar Saha of Basirhat village in Sreepur thana on August 26 at night and abducted his daughter Shriti Rani Saha, 14, as she was asleep. She is a student of class nine.

Police have arrested her co-villagers Abdur Rakib 35, and Minu Begum, 20, in this connection. They have been sent to jail.

Meanwhile, Radha Rani Ghosh, 14, daughter of Nirod Ghosh of Uttarbirpur village in Sadar thana, was kidnapped by a gang of youths on her way home from school on August 17.

Country needs a well revised fisheries policy: Moyeen

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 4: State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan has said that the country needed a well-revised fisheries policy for the betterment of fishermen.

He said, this while inaugurating a two-day national seminar on 'Sustainable Development of Marine Fisheries Resources in Bangladesh', organised on the occasion of the Fish Fortnight-94 in Cox's Bazar on August 29. The state minister said that a bank will be set up to provide loans to the fishermen.

The fisheries sector contributes three per cent to the national income and 10 per cent to export earnings providing livelihood to about 11.20 million people of the country, he added.

Presided over by Fisheries and livestock Secretary AZM

Marine accidents claim 60

10 mishaps in 8 months

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 4: Some 60 people were killed and more than one hundred injured in at least ten marine accidents during last eight months. Loss of wealth and cash money in these incidents were estimated at no less than Tk two crore.

It may be recalled that the first riverine accident occurred on the 17th of March this year when an Amtali bound passenger engine boat carrying about 50 passengers on board sank due to overloading in the confluence of Paira and Bishkali rivers about 20 kilometres off Amtali of Borguna district where four passengers were killed. On March 18 a Jhalakathi bound passenger launch from

Halarhat, ML Sharif-2 hit a ferryboat where one, Mizan was killed. On the same day 10 passengers were drowned when ML Suravi, a passenger launch sank in the Bishkali river hit by a severe tornado.

A double decker launch bound for Dhaka on June 12 hit a small launch, a trawler and a ferryboat one after another where an employee of the launch fell into water and drowned.

On 11th August, 14 fishermen were killed when a fishing boat capsized in the Bay of Bengal near Kalapara of Patuakhali district. No dead-body was recovered.

Next day, one man, Abdur Rashid, drowned when a boat capsized in Tetulia river near

Mehendiganj thana of Barisal. On August 17, ten fishermen drowned and six were injured when two fishing trawlers sank in the Bay of Bengal in stormy weather some 150 kilometres away from Kuakata. Eight passengers of an Amtali bound trawler were drowned when the trawler sank in the Paira river suddenly caught by a whirlwind on August 21.

In another incident seven fishermen drowned in the Bay when a fishing trawler sank hit by norwester on the last day of March. Here it may be mentioned that every year particularly in southern districts many marine vessels sink in the rivers due to storm or other reasons that cost many human lives in the rivers

or Bay of Bengal.

The owners of the vessels get compensations from insurance companies as they have policies against their vessels only but not for the lives lost on board.

On the other hand, passenger buses have insurance guarantee for their vehicles as well as for their passengers on board. So if a passenger is killed in a road accident his successors receive highest amount of Tk 20 thousand as compensation for the loss of life from the concerned insurance company.

The marine vessel owners should also take necessary steps to introduce 'passengers insurance policy' in the riverine routes.



SHERPUR: Unabated cutting of trees continues in the district. Ecologists have urged the concerned authority to protect the environment from such deforestation process.

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Cattle diseases claim 400 in Dinajpur, 5000 more attacked

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Sept 4: Cattle diseases have claimed 400 and attacked about 5000 more in all thirteen thanas of the district.

It is informed that most of the animals die without treatment. The employees of the Livestock Department are not visiting the effected villages after repeated requests.

Some of the owners of the cattle attacked with disease are treating their cows at their own costs. The medicines are not also available in the market. Due to the non-supply of vaccine and other necessary drugs, almost eighty per cent of cattle die, it is gathered.

The most affected thanas are Chirirbandar, Khansama, Ghoraghat, Hakimpur and Nawabganj.

One Abdul Wahab of Kau-gaon under Chirirbandar thana told this correspondent that over 300 cattle are suffering from the diseases in the area but the livestock Department employees expressed their inability to send any one of the staff to the affected areas.

The sale of adulterated foodstuff throughout the district of Dinajpur is rampant and causing health hazards.

With the increase of popu-

lation, the towns, bazars, hats, stations, ghats and other commercial places have been developed to cope with the demand.

Most of the hotels of these busy places are dirty and unhealthy. The owners of these hotels keep their items open. A very few owners have got licenses to continue their business, it is alleged.

A consumer of Dinajpur district town told this correspondent that it is very hard to collect pure edible oil and milk from the market. For more profit, the sellers mix low quality oil with the mustard, soyabean oil, it is alleged.

It is reported that an organised group of dishonest people are engaged in this kind of criminal activities who are reportedly patronised by some well placed people of the district.

The ignorant people buy these sort of adulterated items in their good faith. They are ultimately attacked with various diseases. The poor customers usually prefer the items which cost less.

Some people of the town complained that the employees of the Health Department are seen inactive. The law enforcing agency members are

also indifferent regarding the matter.

Irrigation in about 9000 hectares of land in 23 thanas of three northern districts of Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh is being hampered following irregular supply of

Processing of raw skins in residential areas cause health hazards

From Our Correspondent

MADARIPUR, Sept 4: The processing of raw skins of animals in the residential areas of pourashava has been causing health hazards and suffering of the people.

According to witnesses, raw skins are salted in open space adjacent to the residential areas polluting the environment. It is almost impossible to reside in the houses due to bad smell of the skin.

The situation turns worst every year after Eid-ul-Azha when the unscrupulous skin dealers collect raw skins from different areas and preserve here and there in the town.

power and continued load shedding. It is learnt that due to erratic power supply the shallow and deep tubewells of the districts remain inoperative causing setback in Boro and IRRI farming.

It deserves mention that cultivation of Boro and IRRI crops fully depends on surface water but that is not available in most of the rivers, canals, beels and other marshy places in the districts.

Meanwhile a vast tract of Boro and IRRI land in Dinajpur sadar: Chirirbandar, Ghoraghat, Bocharganj and Parbatipur in Dinajpur district, Panchagarh sadar, Thakurgaon sadar, Boda, Rarisanakali and Pirganj thana have been invaded by pests.

Acute scarcity of pesticides has been persisting in the affected areas. As such the farmers find it difficult to combat the pests, it is learnt. On the other hand the prospect of Aus crops also appears bleak in the district due to pest attack.

It is gathered that Aus crops of vast areas has been attacked by pests but no considerable measure is being taken by the local Agriculture office to arrest the menace, it is alleged.

Committee for development of shrimp cultivation formed

BARISAL, Sept 4: A ten-member divisional level committee for the development of shrimp cultivation was formed at a meeting held recently at the conference room of the divisional commissioner MA Rashid, Divisional Commissioner, Barisal was in the chair, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the aim of this committee was to delimit the shrimp cultivation areas to protect the interests of the small shrimp cultivators, check erosion of the off-shore areas, protect embankments, control salinity within the enclosures of the shrimp farm areas, pay subsidy to the farmers affected by the salinity and maintain security in the enclosures.

Huge quantities of arms recovered

CHUADANGA, Sept 4: Police have recovered huge quantities of illegal arms and ammunitions and arrested 75 persons for possessing illegal arms from four thanas of Chuadanga district — Chuadanga Sadar, Alamdanga Damrudha and Jibannagar — over the past one year.

According to an official source the arms include five rifles, seven pistols, five revolvers, 22 double-barreled guns, eight single barreled guns, six rifles, 14 shutter guns, and 28 pipe guns. Of these, 20 are foreign made and 75 are country made.

The number of seized ammunitions are 384.

One lakh families rendered homeless by river erosion

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 4: At least one lakh families have been rendered homeless on account of continued erosion of the river Jamuna, Korotoa and Ichhamoti during the last ten years, official source said, reports UNB.

According to officials 48,000 acres of cropland were eroded during the period till August 28 of this year. The worst affected thanas are Kazipur, Sadar, Raiganj, Belukuchi, Chowhalli and Shahjadpur.

At least 40 km road, 150 villages and 80 schools and colleges of the six thanas have been washed away during the period.

According to the TNO of Chowhalli, 31 villages, two high schools and about 1,800 acres

of cropland in five unions have been engulfed by the Jamuna.

TNO of Kazipur thana said 46 villages, one college, three high schools, 10 madrasahs, one health complex and 35 primary schools, 15,000 acres of cropland of seven unions have been devoured by the same river.

Meanwhile, 30 villages and eight schools in Sadar thana, 20 villages of Belkuchi, 20 villages of Shahjadpur and three villages of Raiganj were eroded during the period.

Water Development Board (WDB) sources said 26 thana and bazars of the said thanas also went into the river. Crossdams of Belkuchi, Sadar, Kazipur and Shahjadpur are also threatened by the surging river.

Banned palm oil openly sold in Narsingdi markets

NARSINGDI, Sept 4: Banned palm oil is being sold in different hats and bazars in six thanas of the district before the nose of the law enforcing agencies, reports UNB.

According to local health department, hazardous palm oil is basically used in soap production. But a group of unscrupulous traders with the help of some dishonest officials are engaged in selling the oil in markets for public consumption.

Government banned the import of palm oil as health

department declared it dangerous for public consumption. But palm oil is now being sold between Tk 30 and 35 at different markets openly.

The palm oil is being used rampantly in preparing different food items in different hotels, restaurants, biscuit factories and bakery shops causing health hazards.

Moreover, the palm oil is also being sold as soyabean in the soyabean oil containers between Tk 50 and 55, it is alleged.

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Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 03/GEP/SD/SZ/94-95

Dated: 24-08-94

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of Facilities Department for the work of construction, repair & renovation to selected Government Town Primary Schools & P. T. I.'s under general education project. Interested contractors of ADB member countries may also participate in the tender.

Gr. No.	Name of Institution with Name of Work	Estimated amount (Taka)	Earnest Money (Tk.)	Category of Contractor	Time allowed for completion in month
01.	Construction of two storied building at Goshainagar Town Govt. Primary School at Hobigonj Sadar Thana, Hobigonj.	16,07,176/00	32,144/00	A/A-1	6 (Six)
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02.	Construction of two storied building at Umed Nagar Town Primary School at Hobigonj Sadar Thana, Hobigonj.	16,07,176/00	32,144/00	A/A-1	6 (Six)
03.	Construction of two storied building at Anowarpur Town Primary School, at Hobigonj Sadar Thana, Hobigonj.	16,07,176/00	32,144/00	A/A-1	6 (Six)
04.	Vertical extension work of Academic building at Hobigonj PTI.	6,94,995/52	13,900/00	A-1	3 (Three)
05.	Vertical extension work of Boy's Hostel at Hobigonj PTI.	7,36,756/85	14,736/00	A-1	3 (Three)
06.	Repair & renovation work of Mohila Hostel at Hobigonj PTI.	2,65,314/37	5,307/00	A-1	2 (Two)

Tender schedule may be purchased on all working days during office hours up to 14-09-94 from the office of the undersigned and also from the Office of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Comilla/Noakhali/Chittagong and Cox's Bazar Zone & Office of the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Hobigonj District on cash payment of Tk. 750/00 (Seven hundred fifty) only for Group No. 1 to 3 and Tk 400/00 (Four hundred) only for Group No. 4 to 6 (Non-refundable) for each set of tender documents.

Tender will be received up to 3.00 PM on 17-09-94 by the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Comilla/Noakhali/Chittagong and Cox's Bazar Zone & also by the Assistant Engineer, Facilities Department, Hobigonj District & will be opened at 3.15 PM in presence of the tenderers (if there be any) on the same date.

Each tender must accompany a Bank Draft/Pay Order from any nationalised schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Executive Engineer, Facilities Department, Ministry of Education, Sylhet Zone, Sylhet as shown against each group.

Instruction to bidders

- Before purchasing the tender document contractors shall have to obtain permission showing newly issued registration book and renewal fees deposited challan for 1994-95 and original copy of 'VAT' registration. Contractor should submit the 'VAT' registration certificate along with the tender.
- Tender schedule may not be sold to the contractors who failed to complete the works awarded to them earlier & whose schedule time for completion of the said works already expired.
- If the tendered amount comes below the estimated amount contractors shall have to submit additional Earnest Money @ 08% (Eight) per cent of the tendered amount and for that case contractor must submit detailed analysis of each item along with the tender.
- If the tendered amount exceeds 10% above of the estimated amount, tenderer/tenderers shall have to submit detail itemwise analysis of each item along with the tender.
- Tenders exceeding more than 5% below the estimated amount will summarily be rejected.
- At the time of agreement the successful tenderer have to submit the additional performance bond @ 08% (Eight per cent) of the tendered amount as Bank Draft/Bank guarantee from any schedule bank. The security deposit will be adjusted from the performance bond.

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COX'S BAZAR: State Minister for Planning Dr A Moyeen Khan is seen addressing as chief guest at a seminar held recently on Fisheries Resources.

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