

One stabbed to death in Magura

MAGURA, Oct 8: A man was kidnapped and killed by a group of people at Mingram village of Sreepur thana in the district last week, reports UNB.

Mojnu Mia, 35, son of Keyamat Ali, was kidnapped by a group of armed miscreants from his house at night while he was sleeping.

They took Monju Mia to a nearby village and stabbed him to death. His body was recovered the following morning.

Another report adds: Maina Khatun, 26, daughter of Abdul Halim of Barashia village of sadar thana, allegedly committed suicide after being violated by a gang of people.

Police said six armed men raided the house of the victim and kidnapped Maina and raped her repeatedly.

The next day Maina committed suicide, her father alleged that the miscreants were now threatening him not to file any case.

An UD (unnatural death) case has been filed at sadar thana.

Meanwhile, a teenage mid servant allegedly committed suicide by taking poison at Satrujitpur village under Magura thana, a delayed report said on Tuesday.

Police said, Golapi Begum, 15, committed suicide after becoming pregnant while she was working at Abdul Gaffar's houses. Golapi took her own life to relieve herself from the sufferings and anxiety.

The owner of the house, Abdul Gaffar, has been detained by police in connection with the case.

One killed in Mymensingh bus mishap

MYMENSINGH, Oct 8: A bus coming from Dhaka skidded off the Mymensingh-Haluaghat road and plunged into a ditch on Wednesday, killing one person and injuring 30 others, reports UNB.

Seriously injured in the accident, Bashir Ali, 65, died on way to hospital police said.

Thirteen of the injured were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital while others given first aid.

The Haluaghat-bound bus went down a roadside ditch at Bokshimul in Phooldpur thana about 6 pm as the driver lost control.

CI sheets worth Tk 6 lakh recovered in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Oct 8: A special team of the detectives of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) recovered 1440 pieces of CI sheets worth Tk six lakh from two godowns at Amar Chand Road, Khatoanganj here on Tuesday, source said Wednesday, reports BSS.

Acting on secret information the police team led by Deputy Police Commissioner (DB) Khairul Bashar raided two godowns one after another and found those CI sheets.

Two persons were arrested in this connection.

The CI sheets which were received from a friendly country for distribution among the distressed people as relief materials were allegedly sold in open market with the help of some unscrupulous officials, police said.

Minor girl killed in fire in Tangail

TANGAIL, Oct 8: One minor girl was killed and eleven houses were gutted in a fire in village Ahila under sadar thana on Friday, reports BSS.

The fire originated from the kitchen of one Abdur Rahman of the village. His minor daughter was burned alive.

Two of his houses were destroyed and his neighbours lost nine houses.

Fire service and local people extinguished the fire.

Another report says: Tangail police rounded up three persons recently on charge of forgery of passport and visa. Police said they are Talukdar of village Sabalia, Bellal of village Sabalia under sadar thana and Rahul Amen of village Mushuddi under Madhupur thana.

Police added that they were allegedly in the trade for a long time.

Police from Dhaka in cooperation with Tangail police conducted the operation and nabbed the persons.

Another report adds: Foot and mouth disease of cattle has broken out in Mirzapur thana in an epidemic manner. Hundreds of cattle of Fatepur, Mirzapur, Jamurki, Goral, Bhatgram and Bangal unions have been affected by the disease.



Benapole Customs Check Post (Jessore): A team of doctors has been sent to the border check post with the Indian State of West Bengal in Jessore following spread of plague germ in India. All travellers are being checked at the First Aid Centre (top left) for the germ. Customs officials are checking (top right) baggages of travellers coming from India following clearance from the doctors. A traveller (bottom left) from Calcutta being checked by the team of doctors. Indian fruits and vegetables are being dumped (bottom right) at a nearby garbage site by the order of the health officials at the Benapole Customs Check Post. — Star photos

Law, order situation further deteriorates in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Oct 8: The law and order situation has deteriorated considerably in Kaligonj thana of the district in the last few months with the rise in clashes between rival groups and incidents of raping, looting, killing, dacoities and mugging. But in most cases, it is alleged, the persons responsible are not being arrested by police or cannot be punished due to lack of definite charges.

According to reports, some unidentified armed men on Feb 8 opened fire aiming at thana Awami League Secretary, Israil Hossain. But the target was and leaving two others injured at Dulalmundia Bazar.

According to another report, on charge of looting smuggled goods, a smuggling case was lodged with Kaligonj thana against a group of people. The looted goods were not yet recovered, nor the alleged persons were arrested till filing of the report.

Another report says, on March 12 at about 7 pm Ashok Kumar, a tailor, while returning home from Kaligonj was stabbed near Bejpara by some armed men. They fled the scene with the belongings of the victim. But police failed to nab anybody in this connection so far.

Another report says, a daring theft was committed in three shops selling electronic goods in Kaligonj town. Goods worth Tk about one lakh were stolen from these shops.

On the night of March 10, Poly Begum with her accomplices of village Khayeratala allegedly choked her husband

Abdur Rahim, 30 to death.

A case was lodged with Kaligonj police in this connection. But police failed to arrest anyone so far. The family members of Abdur Rahim are reportedly under threat to withdraw the case, it was alleged.

According to another report, a daring dacoity was committed in the house of Ananda Das of village Bhatpara in Kaligonj thana in the dead of night on March 29.

Some armed men looted valuables worth Taka about twenty thousand. But none was arrested so far, it was learnt.

Six cows were stolen from the cattle-sheds of Moslem Ali, Rakibul-Islam and three others of the village Chaita on the night of April 3.

The value of those cows were about Taka forty thousand, police sources said.

On May 2 a cinema hall owner, Indrajit and three others died after drinking spurious liquor better known as rectified spirit from a local homeopathic pharmacy. Almost all the homeopathic medical shops are selling spurious liquor, it is alleged.

According to another report, two daring dacoities were committed on a truck (No Dhaka TA-956) and a bus (No Jessore BA-925) near Kaligonj on the night of May 8. Police nabbed Mannan, Dulal Chandra and Sigrinath in this connection but failed to recover any goods from them.

On the night of May 9 another dacoity was committed on a night coach (No Dhaka

Metro-9055) near Dulalmundia. Five passengers were injured while the dacoits charged with swords on them. The miscreants looted all belongings of the passengers but no case was recorded with the police so far.

Kohinoor Begum a sixteen year old girl of village Farashpur in Kaligonj thana was slaughtered to death after being raped in the night of May 19. It was learnt, some miscreants raped Kohinoor Begum repeatedly and later reportedly killed her in a sugarcane field. Her body was recovered on the next day and a case was filed with Kaligonj thana. Six persons were arrested in this connection. But they were released the next day.

Another report says, Kaligonj police arrested Mandu Das of village Bejpara and Soleman of Khoyeratala with a pipe gun and a ramda. But Soleman was released from the thana just after the arrest.

Another report says, between July 7 and 10 five motor cycles were stolen from different places of the thana. Of these, three motor cycles were however, recovered.

On August 6 about 20 persons were injured in a clash between students and police at Mahtab Uddin Degree College at Kaligonj.

A daring dacoity was committed at BRAC office at Kaligonj on the night of August 6. The miscreants looted goods worth Taka 25 thousand, it was learnt.

One August 16 some unidentified miscreants snatched away a bag with Taka 70 thousand

usand from a motor cycle passenger in front of Sohag Store at Kaligonj town.

According to another report, following a trivial matter a clash took place between two rival groups of village Bolida and Nischintapur in Kaligonj thana on August 27. Fifteen shops were damaged and 25 persons including 7 police jawans were injured.

Local people appealed to higher authorities to ensure peaceful atmosphere in the thana area.

Another report says, a theft was committed three times in a year at the Baluhar Baor Family Welfare Centre (FWC) in Kotchandpur thana of the district.

Reports says, some unidentified miscreants broke the grills and entered into the FWC. They looted valuable medicines worth Taka about 14 thousand from the FWC.

It was alleged that the night guard of the FWC was involved in the incident who helped the dacoits.

The authority served a showcause notice on him. It may be mentioned here that two more thefts were committed in the same FWC few months ago. But the authority could not identify the clue so far, it is learnt.

A girl committed suicide, according to another report, Upti Khatun, 12, a student of village Nosti in Mosheshpur thana committed suicide by taking insecticides recently.

Family trouble was the cause of her suicide, it was learnt.

5 of a family awarded life-term for murder

FENI, Oct 8: Five people of a family were awarded imprisonment for life and a fine of Tk 5,000 each, in default, to suffer another six months for killing a man, court sources said recently, reports UNB.

According to prosecution story, Nurul Islam, Kamaluddin, Jasimuddin, Tajul Islam, Md Faruk, Ali Akbar and others beat up Haji Abdul Malek, 60 of Chagram village in Parshuram thana on February 16, 1992 while he was returning home from a local bazar. Haji Malek died at the hospital four days later.

A case was lodged and police after investigation submitted charge-sheet against eight people.

The same court on September 12 in a separate judgement awarded 10 years imprisonment and a fine of Tk 5,000 in default, to suffer another three months to Jasimuddin for abducting and raping Nazmun Nahar, 15, a student of class eight of Atpur village in Daganbhuiyan thana on June 29, 1993.

A lucky save

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 8: A newly-born baby was saved luckily when she was thrown into a pond by her mother at village Akra in Raiganj thana on Sunday, villagers said, reports UNB.

Family sources said Sabujan Bibi, 20, got married with Jamal Uddin of village Paikola of the same thana two years ago. Later she fell in love with another man of the same village and finally divorced her husband.

Meanwhile, Sabujan Bibi gave birth to a child on Sunday. After the birth of the female child she threw the baby into the nearby pond to make herself free to go to her lover's house.

Orphans living in sub-human condition

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 8: Children of 17 orphanages in 16 northern districts have been living in sub-human condition due to lack of adequate financial support and proper management, reports UNB.

According to the Social Welfare Directorate, a total of 2,250 distressed children are being brought up in these orphanages under the supervision of the directorate. But the allocation for per child is not sufficient.

District level officials, NGO representatives, thana nirbahi officers and public representatives of the district attended the workshop.

1.5 lakh affected in the division Diarrhoea claims 88 in Khulna

KHULNA, Oct 8: At least 88 people, mainly children, were killed and 1.5 lakh others affected following the outbreak of diarrhoea in 10 districts of Khulna division in the last nine months, reports UNB.

According to a source in the Health Directorate, in the month of August the number of affected people was the highest in the division.

District-wise break up of the affected people in the same month: Khulna — 9,862, Bagerhat — 9,103, Satkhira — 4,499, Magura — 5,132, Jessore — 11,498, Narail — 4,708, Jhenidah — 8,966 and Kushtia — 15,277.

Doctors said the disease broke out due to intake of contaminated water, consumption of adulterated food, abnormal humidity and high temperature.

The diarrhoea affected are suffering in the rural health complexes due to the strike of the doctors.

Another report from Pabna says: Diarrhoea and kala-azar took serious turn and claimed 11 lives in nine thanas of the

district in the last month, officials said.

Unofficial sources, however, put the death figure at 23 and 500 others were affected by diarrhoea, kala-azar and malaria.

According to Civil Surgeon, eight people died of diarrhoea and three others of kala-azar. However, unofficial sources said 15 people including eight children died of diarrhoea, six of kala-azar and two of malaria in the same period.

Dr Matur Rahman, district Civil Surgeon said lack of pure water and suffering from malnutrition were the reasons behind the deaths.

Diarrhoea has broken out in Sadar, Suja Nagar, Bera, Sathia, Atbaria, Chatmohar, Bhangura and Faridpur thanas of the district. A total of 22 medical teams have been working in the affected areas.

Meanwhile, local people alleged that medicines of kala-azar and malaria are not available in the market. Hence the affected people have to procure the medicines at high rate from other places.

Four killed in separate incidents in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Oct 8: Four persons were killed and 20 others were injured in different incidents here on Tuesday, report agencies.

Three persons including a mother and her child were killed and fifteen others injured when a passenger bus and a truck collided head on at Panthashila under Sitakunda thana on Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

According to district police and eye witnesses, the accident occurred when a Chittagong-bound bus with forty passengers suddenly collided with a running truck coming from opposite direction.

Three persons died on the spot while fifteen others were injured, the sources said. The dead, were identified as one Sufia Khatoun, 25, and her two year-old son Olullah. The third victim aged about 20 could not be identified.

Two of the injured persons were admitted into Sitakunda Hospital in critical condition while the rest were treated at different health centres.

The drivers and assistants of the two vehicles managed to escape.

The bodies were taken for autopsy and a case was registered with Sitakunda thana.

UNB adds: A young man was killed on the spot and five of his friends were injured in an explosion while they were making bombs at a cross dam in Moghdair union of Swarnap thana on Tuesday.

The friends of the victim who was identified as Montu took away his body to Gachua ghat, one mile away from the spot and tried to throw it into the sea.

But police recovered the body before it could be thrown away and arrested five accomplices of Montu.

Govt to ensure supply of fertilizer : Mannan

THAKURGAON, Oct 8: Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has said that the government was determined to ensure supply of seed, fertilizer, pesticides and water to make the agricultural rehabilitation programme in the drought affected districts of the northern region, reports BSS.

The minister was talking to peasants and the members of public during visit to the drought affected areas of the Thakurgaon district sadar. Peerganj, Balia Dangi Haripur and Rani Shankoil police stations on Tuesday.

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan called upon all to make the best use of the facilities, being provided by the government to overcome the situation created so that none die of starvation, in drought affected areas.

He saw the work of test relief projects, undertaken in these police stations and exchanged views with the peasants and other strata of people.

Later, the minister presided over a meeting of the committee on relief and agricultural rehabilitation in the conference room of the district commissioner. Parliament members, UP chairman, BNP leaders, government officials and officials of non government organisations attended the meeting.

The government has so far allocated 1000 metric tons of wheat for 473 test relief projects, 100 metric tons as gratuitous relief. Taka 2 lakh as cash relief and 100 tin of biscuits for Thakurgaon district.

The president of Thakurgaon district BNP Mirza F E Alamgir accompanied the minister during the visit.

Threat of plague Extra precautionary steps demanded

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Oct 8: The government has already set up a national anti-plague committee and taken measures to prevent the disease from entering Bangladesh as the deadly infectious disease has broken out in the India State of West Bengal.

Although, the committee in its seventh meeting in Dhaka on Monday reiterated that no plague patient have been traced anywhere in the country, the inhabitants of Pabna felt the urgency of setting up of an infectious disease hospital here. Moreover, the 100-bed Pabna General Hospital here has no separate ward for treatment of infectious diseases.

Patients infected with diseases here are usually kept in the hospital morgue, local people alleged.

Since the setting up of an infectious disease hospital is not possible within a short period, the local people, including Pabna district Gano Forum, CPB and local Press Club, demanded the setting up of an infectious disease ward to check any possible outbreak of the pneumonic plague.

Despite a possible threat of plague epidemic, the Pabna Pourashabha meanwhile has not taken any measures to re-

move garbage in the town, local people alleged.

The panic-stricken people here are buying anti-plague drugs in advance. Tetracycline capsules and other drugs are selling at a high price than the normal price.

Immediate reopening of IU demanded

KUSHTIA, Oct 8: Islamic University Unnayan Parishad at a meeting on Thursday demanded immediate reopening of the university, reports UNB.

Parishad leaders also condemned the October 2 clash between contractors and the supporters of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) that left two people injured.

Presided over by the parishad convenor the meeting was addressed, among others, by Saad Ahmed, Rajshahi University Senate member, a Mohammad Abdul Wahed and Noor Ahmed.

Reception accorded to FFs in Narshingdi

NARSHINGDI, Oct 8: A reception was accorded to the newly-elected Muktiujdah Sangsad thana and union committees at Raypara thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

District muktiujdah commander Meer Inadul Haque inaugurated the function organised by the local MP Abdul Ali Mridha at Raypara thana auditorium. Thana muktiujdah commander, Moharumad Jalil Uddin presided.

Thana Nirbahi Officer Mohammad Yunus Ali attended the function as chief guest.

It was addressed, among others, by freedom fighters (FF) Mubarak Hossain Bhuiyan, Matur Rahman Bhuiyan.

Workshop on disaster management in Bhola 'Emphasis laid on public awareness about disasters'

BHOLA, Oct 8: State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Harun-Al-Rashid has said that the present government laid due emphasis on creating public awareness about disasters as well as increasing organisational facilities in coastal areas in order to minimise the loss of life and damage of property during the disasters, reports BSS.

He was addressing the inaugural session of a workshop on 'disaster management' held at Kobi Mozammel Hoque Town Hall here on Tuesday. Presided over by the local

deputy commissioner, the function was addressed by State Minister for Water Resources Mosharrif Hossain Shahjahan and Director General of Disaster Management Bureau Akramul Islam as special guest.

Harun-Al-Rashid said the government had undertaken massive programmes for checking environmental degradation. Tree plantation programme, specially afforestation in coastal areas, training and education for coastal people could play a vital role in minimising the loss of lives and property during disasters.

he added.

Rashid called upon the government and NGO officials, peoples, representatives and educated section of the society to put in their best efforts in Shahjahan in his speech said, appropriate preparedness measures in right time world held successfully face the disasters. In this connection, he said proper training and education among the coastal people was essential.

District level officials, NGO representatives, thana nirbahi officers and public representatives of the district attended the workshop.



SYLHET, Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda speaking at the inaugural function of the plastic surgery camp in Sylhet town recently. A 13-member team of surgeons from United Kingdom arrived in the country on the occasion. Surgeons operating (R) upon a patient at Noorjahan Poly Clinic. — Star photo