

# 20 pc people of Cox's Bazar consume iodised salt

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Oct 11: It is now widely alleged that non-iodised salt flooded Cox's Bazar markets. The unscrupulous salt producers and sellers avoiding the directive of authority concerned, are marketing and selling common salt labelled as 'iodised salt' in different markets in Cox's Bazar district. It may be mentioned here that according to law for selling salt since 1989, edible salt production, storing and importing is strictly prohibited if not properly iodised. This law has further been modified and strengthened in 1995. But defying the ban, selling of common salt, not properly iodised, is going on unabated in this region, it was learnt from different sources. Unscrupulous businessmen are selling both

iodised and non-iodised salt of one kg packets to the innocent village people at Taka 12 and Taka 7 per packet respectively. It was alleged. Besides, some traders are also marketing and selling adulterated and non-iodised salt filling them in iodised labelled poly packs. This salt is normally being sold in hundreds of huts and bazars of remote villages in Cox's Bazar district. This practice of the unscrupulous businessmen of salt business should be checked by the authority concerned. As many as 80 per cent of the homes in the coastal areas of Cox's Bazar region do not use iodine salt. This was revealed in a survey conducted by the Belabhumai, a Non-Government Organisation recently in the seven thanas of this district.

Six years have passed since the enactment of law relating to the mixing of iodine with the edible common salt aimed at preventing diseases caused by the deficiency of iodine in food. According to the statistics, only two lakh 40 thousand nine hundred people out of a total of 16 lakh population of the district take iodine salt. Thus the percentage of consumption of iodine salt is comparatively low. As a result of this, a vast section of population of this district suffer from different diseases for non-consumption of iodine salt such as goitre, dwarfism, deaf and dumb, squinteyes, physically crippled and mentally retarded. Not only this, if there is deficiency of iodine in human body specially in a pregnant woman the number of brain

cells of the baby becomes less, the brain cells can not be formed freely so much that the baby sometimes dies before the birth in the womb of the mother, a local doctor said. In order to fully cure the reaction that is developed in the human body due to deficiency of iodine, the government passed an act in Parliament in 1989 for marketing common salt mixed with iodine. After this the government at different occasions fixed the target for mixing iodine with all edible common salt by the year 1994. A cent per cent of the people will be brought under the plan. The UNICEF fixed this target. But the consumption of iodised salt depicts of bleak picture of the Cox's Bazar region as on the completion of the government target of five years, the statistics of consumption of iodised salt is very disappointing. The situation of the use of iodized salt will be very vulnerable in thana and village levels. Man suffers from various problems for want of the use of iodised salt. Of these problems highest number of people suffer from diseases like goitre.

# Father accidentally shoots daughter to death

From Our Correspondent RAHSHAHI, Oct 11: A minor girl was accidentally shot to death by her father recently at Gobindapur village near Damkura bazar under Poba thana of the district. According to police, Mujibur Rahman accidentally shot her daughter while playing with a pistol. The bullet cut the girl's, Musheda, 4, head.

She died on the spot. Police arrested Mujibur Rahman. He confessed that the pistol was illegal and owned by his sister in law Sayeeda of Kalattikar village. A case was filed in this connection.



CHANDPUR: A children's rally was brought out on the occasion of World Children's Day in the district. — Star photo

# 26 die as two boats capsize in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Oct 11: Some twenty-six people were feared to have drowned when two separate boats capsized in the river Mahananda in Chapalnabaganj on the night of Wednesday last. Four bodies have been recovered till that night. Another 14 floating people were rescued. Thana and local fire brigade were searching for the missing people.

# World Children's Day observed in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 11: The World Children's Day was observed throughout the district in a befitting manner on October 2 last. A colourful children's rally was brought out in the town from the Police Super's office premises and paraded the main streets of the town. Muhammad Abdus Salam Deputy Commissioner, Satkhira, led the rally in which children from various educational institutions and

organisations took part. They carried colourful banners, posters and festoons inscribed with different slogans of children's right. Later a discussion meeting was held at Shahid Abdur Razzak Park to mark the occasion. Muhammad Abdus Salam, Deputy Commissioner, Satkhira was present as the chief guest while Muhammad Sanaul Haq, Police Super, Satkhira addressed the function as special guest.

# Smuggled motor parts recovered

JHENIDAH, Oct 11: Bangladesh Rifles recovered huge smuggled spare parts of motor vehicles worth Tk 8 lakh from the frontier village Purapara in Jibonnagar thana in Chuadanga district recently, reports UNB. Acting on secret information, BDR jawans of Kushtia camp raided eight carts loaded with Indian smuggled motor parts at the village and recovered goods. However, the smugglers managed to flee the scene. The goods were deposited with the local customs godown.

# Student politics banned till the year 2000

From Our Correspondent FARIDPUR, Oct 11: Student politics has been declared banned up to the year 2000 at Bir Shrestha Munshi Abdur Rouf Degree College in Madhukhali thana of the district. The decision was taken recently at a joint meeting of the college governing body, local political and student leaders, guardians and the elite of the area with a view to ensure congenial academic atmosphere for the students to prosecute their studies peacefully. The right thinking people of the district are in full appreciation of this decision and viewed that the same measure should be taken in other educational institutions to uplift the standard of education in the country.

# Flood leaves 15000 people homeless

From Our Correspondent



SIRAJGANJ: Remains of some collapsed thatched houses in village Kundasan in Tarash thana. — Star photo

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 11: More than 2000 thatched houses in Chalan beel oriented Tarash thana have collapsed during the fourth time flood in Sirajganj district. It was learnt that vast part of Tarash thana went under flood water again in the last week of September when the rivers Gumani and Bangalee swelled up. Seedbeds of transplanted aman paddy, standing IRRI and bro crops and winter coops including pulses and vegetables were submerged. Inter-village communication of Trash was disrupted and boats and rafts were the only means of transport. Heavy waves of water in Chalan beel damaged the homesteads which are mainly built of straw, 'kaisha', chone, bamboo and jute sticks. More than 2000 kutcha houses collapsed totally in villages

Binsara, Kundasan, Tarash and Vakua rendering more than 15,000 inmates homeless. The affected people are now living under open sky. While visited the area on October 6 last it was observed that everyday thousands of people gather in the Thana Parishad premise for relief materials. House building grant sanctioned for Tarash thana are quite inadequate to meet minimum requirement. Some of the flood affected people told this correspondent that stagnant flood water will remain in the beel area for about three weeks more. The people of Tarash thana have urged upon the authority to sanction food stuffs and house building grant immediately and hand some amount for agricultural rehabilitation after receding flood water.

# 34 injured in a clash over land dispute in Barisal

From Our Correspondent BARISAL, Oct 11: At least 34 people were injured in 11 of them seriously when two rival groups locked themselves in an hour long clash over a land dispute. Police and witnesses said, Mallik and Biswas group looked themselves in a clasher which left Habibur Rahman, 30, Sattar, 40, Salim, 30, Jasim, 20, Hashem, 60, Razzak, 32, Fazlu, 40, Sattar, 65, Altaf, 20, Salam, 22, and Hussain, 30, seriously injured. They were admitted to Hazla thana health complex. A case was filed with the police in this connection.

# Success story of a school

From Delwar Kabir

JHENIDAH, Oct 11: Shahana, Manik and all other children can dance, sing, recite and play drama like trained artists. These unbelievable works were achieved by the students of a primary school at village Saganna in sadar thana of the district run by Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) under their Non-Formal Primary Education (NFPE) programme. Marjina Parveen Shelly, teacher of the Saganna BRAC school informed that she has been running the school in two shifts, one for the students of class one and the rest for class two. First shift for class one sits at 7:00 am and lasts for two hours. Second shift starts at 9:00 am and runs for three hours without any interval. When this Correspondent visited the school, little pupils of Saganna BRAC school demonstrated their dance, staged drama, songs and recited poems. Shelly informed that earlier two batches passed class three. All the students have been taking lessons in nearest high schools. Now in her school 66 students have been taking lessons in two shifts. In class one the number of pupils are 33. Of them the teachers said only 7 is male and the rest 26 are female. In class two out of total 33, the number of male and female are 8 and 25 respectively. Manik, 12, a student of class two informed that his father, Abdur Razzak was not in a position to send him to school. At that moment his teacher who was know to them as 'Apu' convinced his father to send him to school. From then he has been at-

tending classes regularly, Manik said. Shahana, 10, a student of the same class who was a good reciter and also a speaker conducted some programmes in the school almost professionally. She lost her father about five years back. Since then her mother, Mahironnessa is looking after them and sent her to the school. Her mother believes, Shahana says, she might be educated in near future and alleviate poverty from their family. Mahironnessa has been leading the family serving as a maid servant, Shahana informed. Marjina Parveen Shelly is hopeful about her school's future and informed that none of her students left school as there was a good environment in her well-decorated school and from the very beginning teachers from high schools contact her to send her pupils to their high schools. Shelly is also running a library in her school on every Sunday which begins at 3:00 pm and sits for one hour. Here the number of members are 48 including 42 female age between 10 and 20. Bilkis Khatun, 12, a student of Saganna BRAC library informed that she reads Weekly magazines, periodicals, novels at the library. Her friend, Shafali of same age who was also a student of class seven in a local high school expressed similar opinions about the good environment of the library. The teacher also informed that she has been running a tailoring class in her school which is scheduled on Saturdays and Mondays

where 12 girls were given training for three months. This training might help them to stitch embroidered quilt (Naksi Kantha), cloth-made hand fan, trousers and shirts for the babies. Mohammad Abdul Quader, Supervisor of Non-Formal Primary Education Programme of BRAC, Dakbanga team office informed that 990 students passed NFPE schools of BRAC in his region from 30 schools in last two years and most of the students were doing good results in high schools, Quader informed. When contacted, Abdur Rashid, Team In-Charge (TI), NFPE Dakbanga team office informed that their education programme is running in a total of 52 villages including 41 villages in Jhenidah sadar thana, 10 villages in Harinakundu thana and in one village of Chuadanga. The number of male and female students in these schools were 918 and 2,165 respectively. TI also informed that their education programme has been running since 1993. Claiming the best school under Dakbanga team office, the TI said that Saganna BRAC school run by Marjina Parveen Shelly might be treated as the best one as it has been showing best performances from the very beginning. Almas Mia, an age old farmer and some of his fellow villagers when asked about the efficiencies of the school, they said that their children have been benefited from the school which was not normally available in local government primary schools they felt.

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### 22TH DIRECT SHORT SERVICE COMMISSION - ARMY MEDICAL CORPS (AMC) AND ARMY DENTAL CORPS (ADC)

1. **Age :**
  - a. **AMC Candidate :** Age on 30 September 1995 (Affidavit NOT applicable) upto 28 years
  - b. **ADC Candidate :** Age on 30 September 1995 (Affidavit NOT applicable) upto 28 years.
2. **Physical Standard (minimum)**
  - a. **Height :** 1.63 Metre (5'-4") Male.  
1.57 Metre (5'-2") Female.
  - b. **Chest :** 0.76 Metre-0.81 Metre (30"-32") Male.  
0.71 Metre-0.76 Metre (28"-30") Female.
  - c. **Weight :** 45.36 Kilogram (100 lbs) Male.  
40.82 Kilogram (90 lbs) Female.
3. **Nationality :** Male/Female Citizen of Bangladesh.
4. **Marital Status :** Unmarried. Married Female Candidates over 26 years of age (but under no circumstances the age will be over 28 years of age on 30 September 1995.) can apply.
5. **Educational Qualification :**
  - a. **Army Medical Corps :** MBBS Degree from a recognized University and Internship completed.
  - b. **Army Dental Corps :** BDS Degree from a recognized University and Internship completed.
6. **Ineligibility :**
  - a. Withdrawn/Discharged from Army/Navy/Air force or any Government service.
  - b. Screened out/rejected twice by ISSB. once rejected and once screened out candidates may apply.
  - c. Declared medically UNFIT by Armed Forces Appeal Medical Board (candidates those declared medically unfit on grounds of height, weight and chest may apply on attainment of requisite standard).
  - d. Incomplete application forms will not be considered.
7. **Selection :** Preliminary medical examination, written examination and final interview will be held at Dhaka Cantonment. In this regard, they will be given call up letter intine by this office.
8. **Final Medical :** Final Medical will be held at Combined Military Hospital (CMH), Dhaka Cantonment.
9. **Final Selection :** Final Selection will be done by the Adjutant General Branch, Army Headquarters, Dhaka Cantonment.
10. **Training/Commission :**
  - a. **Army Medical Corps/Army Dental Corps :** 11 weeks post commission training at Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) Bhatary, Chittagong, 06 weeks post commission training at Army Medical Corps Centre, Rajshahi and 08 weeks post commission training at Armed Forces Medical Institute, Dhaka Cantonment. Place and duration of training for selected AMC/ADC female candidates will be decided by Army Headquarters. On successful completion of training candidates will be commissioned as under :
    - a. **RANK :**
      1. **Army Medical Corps :** Captain rank to be given on commission.
      2. **Army Dental Corps :** Lieutenant rank to be given on commission.
    - b. **Ante Date Seniority from the date of commission.**
      1. 2 years 6 months (for study in Medical College).
  - b. 6 months (for Internship).
  3. 1 year (for post graduation degree).
11. **Other Facilities except Basic Pay :**
  - a. Pay, allowance and other benefits will be admissible as per existing rules/instructions.
  - b. **Army Family Security Scheme :** Tk. 4,50,000.00 (Taka four lac fifty thousand) in the case of death and disability.
  - c. **Lump Sum Grant :** For Army Medical Corps/Army Dental Corps, Tk. 25, 000.00 (Taka twenty five thousand) in two installments as under :
    1. On Commissioning Tk. 12,500.00.
    2. On being granted permanent regular commission Tk. 12,500.00.
12. **Application Forms**
13. **Application forms are available with the following places :**
  - a. All Station Headquarters, located at Dhaka, Comilla, Chittagong, Bogra, Rangpur, Saidpur, Jessore, Momen Shahi (Mymensingh), Jalalabad (Sylhet), Quadirabad (Dayarampur), Jahanabad (Khulna), Rajshahi, Rajendrapur and Ghatal (Tangail) Cantonment.
  - b. Headquarters Recruiting Unit, 34 Palashi Barrack, Azimpur, Dhaka and Branch Recruiting Unit Comilla, Jessore and Bogra.
  - c. All District Armed Services Board (DASB).
  - d. Office of the Deputy Commissioner where no Station Headquarters or District Armed Services Board is located.
14. **Application forms can be obtained on submission of Bank Draft/Pay order (Collected from any branch of Sonali, Rupali or Agrani Bank of the country) worth Tk. 100.00 (One hundred) (Non refundable) in favour of AHQ, AG Branch, PA Dte, Dhaka Cantt. payable to any of the following banks located in Dhaka Cantonment.**
  - a. Sonali Bank, Dhaka Cantonment Branch.
  - b. Rupali Bank, Dhaka Cantonment Branch.
  - c. Agrani Bank, BAF Branch, Dhaka Cantonment.
15. **Submission of Application**
16. **Application forms to reach Army Headquarters, Adjutant General Branch, Personnel Administration Directorate (PA-2), Dhaka Cantonment alongwith the following documents by 30 September 1995.**
  - a. 04. Copies of recent passport size photograph (Wearing white shirt) duly attested by a first class gazetted officer.
  - b. Photostat copies of all original educational certificates and marks sheet duly attested by a first class gazetted officer.
  - c. A self addressed envelope (9" x 4") with Taka 2'00 postage stamp affixed.
  - d. Nationality certificate from Union Parishad/Pourashava or Ward Commissioner as per permanent address.
  - e. Internship certificate and registration card.
17. **Persons employed in any organization/establishment will apply through Departmental Head.**
18. **Please write the name of the corps for which you are applying i.e. Army Medical Corps (AMC) or Army Dental Corps (ADC) on "TOP RIGHT" of the envelope containing the application form.**

NOTE: a) Candidates Those in the mean time, Applied for AMC/ADC Courses as per Advertisement published in various National daily on 05,06,07,08 and 11th September'95. Need not to apply further. b) Application to be sent to this office through postoffice no application will be accepted by this office directly.

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION : 26 OCTOBER 1995

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