

One killed, 30 hurt in Comilla road accidents

COMILLA, July 8: One person was killed and 30 others were injured in separate road accidents in the district. Sunday, witnesses said, reports UNB.

An unidentified man aged about 40 was killed and five others were injured when a truck hit a Luxmipur-bound bus from behind at Dighirpar in Daudkandi thana on Dhaka-Chittagong highway at about 2 pm.

The body was sent to hospital for autopsy while the injured were released after first aid. A case was registered with Daudkandi police.

In another mishap, 15 people were injured when a Comilla-bound bus from Daudkandi skidded off the road on the same highway at Kala-Kachua Bazar in Burichang thana at 5 pm.

Rupia Begum, 40, and her daughter Asma Begum, 8, were among the injured who were given first aid at Comilla Medical College Hospital and Combined Military Hospital in Comilla.

A case was lodged with Burichang police.

In another accident, a Kutibound bus from Comilla skidded off the Comilla-Brahmanbaria road at Shalgar in Debidwar thana, injuring 10 people.

Robbery in Khulna: None held yet

KHULNA, July 8: Police have got the names of the gangsters involved in Saturday's robbery but could not yet track down them.

DIG of Khulna Range of Police Ashraf Huda told UNB that names and addresses of six persons involved in the robbery of a company money were gathered but declined to disclose those for the sake of apprehending the accused.

They are hiding in and around the city, he said. One of them was charged with a sensational murder case last year in the city.

The DIG claimed that the accused would be arrested soon and in the meantime a motorcycle used during the hijacking had been seized.

According to police, Tk 2880,000 was snatched by the hijackers at gunpoint while the Accounts Officer of Sathkira Foods Limited, Sheikh Asad, was going to Sathkira after encashment of the amount from Agrani Bank at Sir Iqbal Road here at 5 pm.

Two young men riding in a motorcycle stopped the microbus at gun point at Gollamari on the road, snatched the money and fled towards Khulna.

After the snatching district and Khulna metropolitan police launched a manhunt in and around the area.

Khulna Suhrawardy college facing setback

KHULNA, July 8: Modernisation of the only private degree college in the town could not be done during the last 24 years due to the absence of government allocation, reports UNB.

Local people said the Shaheed Suhrawardy College established in 1972 on 1.63 acres of land, has so far been playing a vital role in the field of higher education with satisfactory results in the final examinations.

Student and teachers of the college said they were facing problems due to shortage of classrooms and necessary appliances.

The college has allegedly never got any allocation from the government for its development and modernisation during the last 24 years.

In the absence of adequate library facilities, classrooms, want of common room for the female students, the education is being hampered greatly. There is no boundary wall of the college.

Local leaders have urged the government to take up a scheme for modernisation of the college for the interest of higher education in the area.

Barguna Hats, bazar in pitiable condition

BARGUNA, July 8: Almost all the hats and bazars of the district are in a deplorable condition causing much suffering to the buyers and sellers, reports UNB.

Lack of proper maintenance by the authority concerned is considered to be the only reason behind gradual deterioration of the condition of the markets.

Due to shortage of space the buyers cannot carry out their business smoothly. The lanes and bylanes are narrow and get muddy during the rainy season. Above all, the extortion of izaradars and toll collection by mastans cause sufferings to the buyers and the sellers.

There is no arrangement for public latrines and urinals in most of the markets. The market goes respond to the call of nature at open places polluting the environment.

In the absence of drainage system, rain water remains stagnant much to the inconvenience of the people. Want of tubewells in some of the hats and bazars added further sufferings of the people.



Young children fishing in the inundated primary school ground at Kazipur thana of Sirajganj district.

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Downpour causes flood in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, July 8: The week-long heavy downpour has caused a flash flood all over the seven thanas of the district.

The flood has claimed one life and inundated hundreds of houses.

About 95 families have been affected. Standing crops on a vast tract of lands have been damaged in the coastal areas of the district.

According to official sources, fresh areas of the district have been flooded due to incessant rains and tidal surge of last Monday and Tuesday.

Low-lying areas under Chakaria, sadar thana, Ramu and Moheshkhali thanas have been inundated while heavy downpour and sea water has partially damaged Kutubdia embankment.

Some 20,000 people of

Chakaria sadar thana and Ramu thanas are now marooned by the flood water.

The sea water has also entered the Moheshkhali islands, Matarbari and Dhalghata due to crack in embankments there.

The onrush of hill waters has inundated areas in Khorilia, Zoriana and Dulahajara on the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar highway. The highway was under knee-deep water Sunday last.

A man was washed away while he was trying to catch floating wood and bamboo in the Bakkhali river on Saturday. He was identified as Abdus Salam, 45. Police later recovered his body.

Many residential and commercial areas were inundated causing huge damage to property.

According to the agriculture extension department, standing crops over 40,000 hectares of land have been submerged.

According to information received from the affected areas, many roads, embankments, bridges and culverts have been damaged causing a serious disruption in road communications in thana areas.

A large number of dwelling houses have either partially or completely been damaged rendering many families shelterless.

However, no steps have so far been taken to mitigate the sufferings of the affected people.

Relief work should immediately be taken up to give succor to the suffering people.

Flood, erosion hit five unions of Bera thana

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, July 8: Continuous rise in the water-level due to sudden arrival of flood in the river Jamuna which was followed by severe erosion have caused inundation of vast areas in five unions of Bera thana, and a vast portion of the famous Nakalia Bazar and surrounding areas of Nakalia and also of Kazirhat has been devoured.

Over 500 houses have been eroded and also another 300 houses have been inundated rendering over 3,000 men, women and children of the five unions of Bera thana homeless. They have all been compelled to take shelter in the flood control embankment and living there under open sky.

Besides, over 300 areas of land with standing crops like aus paddy, jute and others have also been washed away and damaged completely or partially.

The water-level in the river Jamuna has been rising steadily everyday and within a day or two, the water-level is likely to cross the danger mark.

Flood water has also caused inundation of vast areas in Faridpur, Bhangaora and Chatmohar thanas of the district. At least seven unions of these thanas and more low-lying areas have been threatened with inundation. Rural communications through innumerable katcha roads have mostly gone under water.

The extent of damages and losses suffered by the people in the four thanas of the district is being assessed by the officials of various departments concerned.

No relief work has yet been undertaken.

Netrakona hospital facing setback

NETRAKONA, July 8: Shortage of doctors, medicines, beds and equipment has been hampering the proper treatment at Netrakona hospital for long, reports UNB.

Patients coming from far-flung areas are to go back disappointed in absence of proper treatment facilities. The doctors, if available at the hospital, only give prescriptions with some common medicines.

Life-saving drugs are not available at the hospital, many patients alleged. Finding no other alternatives, patients are being compelled to buy essential drugs from local markets

with exorbitant prices. Due to the shortage of beds many emergency patients are being accommodated on the floor and veranda of the hospital. The bedsheets and other necessary appliances have become worn-out and are rarely replaced, it is alleged.

The only X-ray machine of the hospital remains out of order most of the time. Moreover, shortage of films, the patients were advised to take X-ray from outside.

The water supply is irregular and the latrines are not cleaned regularly resulting in emission of bad odour.

Number of drop-out students increasing

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, July 8: The number of dropout primary school students is increasing day by day in Kishoreganj district.

According to the District Primary Education Department, the total number of primary schools in the district stands at 1289 including 808 government and 481 non-government schools. A total of 3,21,880 children were enrolled in the primary schools during the last academic year. But in total 12,503 students were later dropped out of schools due to poverty and other reasons, the source added.

The thana-wise number of drop-out students were — 467 students in Kishoreganj sadar, 1125 in Karimganj, 984 in Tarail, 672 in Hossainpur, 933 in Pakundia, 1040 in Katiadi, 1120 in Pakundia, 1150 in Kuliarchar, 1223 in Bhairab, 1177 in Austagram, 1075 in Itna, 1000 in Mitamoin and 537 in Nikli.

These large number of students had left the schools during the last academic year as they engaged themselves in different petty jobs for earning a living. Poverty-stricken guardians instead of sending their words to schools prefer to engage them in some income oriented work like labourer, cattle grazing or rickshaw-puller etc. As a result, in tender age, the children are compelled to engage in different works rendering physical labour in exchange of poor remuneration.

Most of the guardians in the district can not afford educational expenditure of children. Instead they encouraged the children to involve in any kind of job for a handful of rice or for petty earnings.

18 unions in Sherpur submerged

SHERPUR, July 8: Flood situation in Sherpur district remained unchanged on Sunday, reports BSS.

Official sources said 18 unions of 5 thanas of the district have been submerged by flood water damaging 65 per cent of the standing crops.

About 1200 feet of Khalpara flood protection embankment along the Maharashi river were washed away Friday. A large number of people along the embankment were rendered homeless by erosion of the river Maharashi. Two persons drowned in the flood water.

Deputy Commissioner of Sherpur Abdul Muftakar said that the local administration had already received 50 metric tons of wheat, 50 thousand Taka in cash, 500 sares and 250 lunge for the affected people.

M A Bari MP and Atiur Rahman Atik MP visited the flood affected Siribordi, Jheniagar and Nalitabari thanas. Food, Agriculture and Relief Minister Begum Matia Choudhury Friday visited the flood affected Siribordi, Jheniagar and Nalitabari thanas and other adjacent areas of the district.

5-day annual training camp of RU Rover Scouts concludes

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, July 8: Five day long annual training camp of Rajshahi University Rover Scouts concluded here on Saturday. Some 32 Rover Scout and Girls-in-Rover took part in the training camp.

Dr K B M Mahbubur Rahman Secretary of RU Rover Scouts administered the oath taking of newly recruited Rover Scouts and Girls-in-Rover on the closing day of the training course held at BNCC premises. Prof M Eusuff Ali, Vice-Chancellor of RU while addressing as chief guest at the closing ceremony said, scouting is not a training programme but also a way of life. He hoped that most of the students of Rajshahi University would join in scouting within a next few years. Prof M Altaf Hussain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Moynul Hasan Mitul were among others who spoke in the ceremony with Dr K B M Mahbubur Rahman in the chair.

Meanwhile, 136th and 137th Boy Scout Unit Leader Basic Courses concluded here on Sunday at University-BNCC premises, organised by Rajshahi University Rover Scouts and Rajshahi University Rover Scouts. Some 72 Rover Scouts and Girls-in-Rover from different colleges and universities of the country took part in them courses. Rujul Mumen and Shamsuddin Ahmed, Assistant Leader Trainer (ALT) of Bangladesh Scouts conducted the week-long courses.

BINA programmes for farmers

MYMENSINGH, July 8: A meeting of the regional agriculture technical committee was held at Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (BINA) on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The meeting discussed various aspects of coming rainy season and took integrated solution-based programmes to help solving the problems of farmers and transfer of technology to them.

Presided over by Additional Director of the Directorate of Agriculture Extension Department Soharab Ali, it was attended by officials and scientists of AED, BINA, BARI, BRRI, Soil Research Institute, Water Development Board, Forest Department, Agriculture Information Service and Bangladesh Agricultural University.

Director General of BINA Dr Anwarul Kader and Dr Idris also spoke on the occasion.

Prospects of lobster culture bright

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, July 8: There is a bright prospect of cultivation of lobster in the ponds of coastal areas in Cox's Bazar district. This has proved successful on experimental basis in some ponds of local Fisheries Research Institute. Farmers said, sweet water is suitable for lobster cultivation.

The cultivation of lobster about 100 ponds of sadar, Ramu, Teknaf and Chokoria thanas has started and the yield is satisfactory. At present, lobster is procured from rivers, canals and beels.

The natural source of lobster is gradually declining. The planned cultivation of lobster in the ponds having sweet water will yield good result. Many fish cultivators of the country do not know that this species of shrimp could be cultivated easily in sweet water.

If we cultivate lobster in 18 lakh ponds of the country in a proper way Taka 9 to Taka 10 crore of foreign exchange could be earned annually," the more fish experts said. The farmers opined that cultivation of lobster in sweet water is more profitable than other species of shrimps. The size of lobster

has already attracted the foreign buyers.

The lobster can be cultivated in ponds in single or in mixed process with other fishes. Only 2 to 3 feet deep water is required for lobster cultivation. By single cultivation process 600 to 800 kilograms of lobster could be produced annually by preserving 1500 fries in one hectare pond. The lobster could be procured in 5 months time for marketing.

Lobster in pond can also be cultivated in a mixed way with other fish like ruhi, katla, silver karf etc.

There will be no problem for lobster food in the pond. Fishmeal, water-borne insects, earthworm and dried blood of slaughtered animals can be given as supplementary food.

It is felt that coastal farmers of Cox's Bazar should be motivated by the concerned authority to cultivate lobster in ponds on commercial basis to earn more foreign exchange for the country. The derelict ponds of the country could be utilised for this purpose.

On the other hand, about

4,000 ponds in different parts of the Cox's Bazar district have been lying unutilised for a long time due to lack of proper initiative both in public and private sector.

District fishery officials and local people said, about 50 per cent of the ponds have been silted and dried up due to lack of maintenance. A large number of ponds are covered with water hyacinths hampering fish cultivation.

Experts said, 6,000 metric tons of fish could be produced annually if these ponds were cultivated in proper way.

The authorities should take up schemes for re-excavation of silted ponds and introduction of scientific methods of fish cultivation, they added.

Local people urged the concerned authorities to come forward with a short term loan for the shareholders of the derelict ponds for fish cultivation immediately.

It is felt that arrangement should be made to impart training on pisciculture and short-term loan facilities should be extended to the pisciculturists for the greater interest of fish cultivation.

Prices of house-building materials go up

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, July 8: Prices of house building materials have shot up abnormally in the district causing immense sufferings specially to the poor.

It is learnt that on the eve of floods, the people of village areas generally repair and reconstruct their houses during May and June. The materials needed for thatched and tin-shed houses are being sold in the markets at abnormally higher prices.

Prices of straw, ropes, Kaisha, Guna, and coconut fibre rope have shot up. A bamboo is sold at Tk 100 to 150 depending on size and quality. The helpless people are using low quality and immature bamboos for constructing houses. Sub-standard C.I. sheets are also being used as the prices of quality tins are beyond the reach of the common man.

Besides, the prices of bricks, cement and M.S. rod have also shot up. One thousand of bricks is sold at Tk 2500 to Tk 2800, a bag of cement of Tk 235 to Tk 250 and

the wages of manual workers have been almost doubled. Wages of a carpenter have risen from Tk 80 to Tk 125 per day and a 'jogali' is paid Tk 60 per day. The poor people can hardly afford such higher expenses to repair or reconstruct the houses.

Following the situation, the village people are in extreme distress in the district.

Housewife commits suicide

PATUAKHALI, July 8: A housewife named Hasina Begum, 35, wife of Kubbat Ali of village Dakuia in Galachipa thana allegedly committed suicide on Sunday by hanging herself from a tree, reports UNB.

According to local people, Hasina committed suicide following a family feud on the fateful night. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

A case was filed with the police.

Girl raped, killed in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, July 8: A 12-year-old girl was gangraped and killed at a village in Sadar thana of the district on Saturday night, police said, reports UNB.

Shirin Khatun alias Shilpi, daughter of a day-labourer, was kidnapped by a gang of five men when she was returning home from her uncle Munsur Ali's house at about 4 pm on the day.

She was reportedly strangled to death following a gang rape in a nearby sugarcane field, police said.

After an overnight search, her relatives found the body in the sugarcane field. In the morning, Shilpi's mother filed a case with the local police.

Police arrested two day labourers — Ismail, (20), and Rafiqul, 19, — from the house of Dulal Sheikh of nearby village Alokter in the connection.

They confessed their guilt to police and named three other accomplices.

Villagers demanded arrest of rest of the criminals and exemplary punishment for them.



Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim inaugurated the Bhupur ferry ghat on Saturday.

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AGM of college teachers-employees welfare assoc held

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAI NAWABGANJ, July 8: The annual general meeting of Chapai Nawabganj College Teachers-Employees Welfare Association was held on 24th June at Shaheed Sati hall with Principal Nizamuddin Shah, the president of the association, in the chair.

Prof. Sher Mohammad, chairman of the Rajshahi Board, A K M Musa, DC, Nawabganj and Prof. Manjur Ali Khan, Controller of Examination of Rajshahi Board were present at the meeting as the chief guest and special guests respectively.

In the meeting the executive committee of the last session was dissolved and a new committee was formed.

The members of the new committee are: Principal Nizamuddin Shah, president, principal Miratul Islam and Prof. Saidur Rahman vice-president, Prof. Bozlu Rahman, general secretary, Prof. Golam Mostafa and Prof. Abdur Razzak, Assistant general secretaries, Prof. Enadul Haq, treasurer, Prof. N S M Mahbubur Rahman, Minto organising secretary, Prof. Abdul Latif, examination conducting secretary, Prof. Saidul Islam, cultural secretary, Prof. Zameed Ali, sports secretary, Prof. Mozharul Islam Taru, publicity secretary, Prof. Allama Akbar, social welfare secretary, Prof. Mahnuda Begum, secretary for women affairs, Afzal Hossain and Aminul Islam, members.

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খুলনা জেলার পুলিশ বাহিনীর ১৯৯৬-৯৭ সালের জন্য ডিপার্টমেন্টাল টেন্ডারের মাধ্যমে জয়, পুলিশ অফিসের স্টেশনারী মালামাল জয় এবং পোশাক সেগাইয়ের জন্য আগামী ২০-৭-৯৬ইং তারিখে বাংলাদেশের সকল পুরুষ সিকানার/বাবসাইদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরযুক্ত বামে খুলনামূলক দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্রের সিডিউল আগামী ১৮-০৭-৯৬ইং তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত পুলিশ অফিসের প্রধান সেক্রেটারীর নিকট হইতে পৃথক পৃথক কাজের জন্য ৪০০/- (চারশত) টাকা (অফিসের বাহ্যে) মূল্যে সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে। বিভাগীয় ভাউচের মাধ্যমে ও অফিস স্টেশনারী মালামাল সরবরাহকারীর অবশ্যই খুলনা সিটি কর্পোরেশন এলাকার মধ্যে নিজস্ব সেকান থাকিতে হইবে। পোশাক সেগাইয়ের দরপত্রসম্পর্কে অবশ্যই খুলনা জেলা পুলিশ লাইনে কমপক্ষে ৫টি মেশিনসহ দলি বাখিয়া সেলাই কাজ সম্পন্ন করিতে হইবে। প্রত্যেক ফোর্সের শরীরের মাপ মোতাবেক পোশাক সেলাই করিতে হইবে। পুলিশ লাইনের ক্রাফট হোবে বসিত মাপ অনুযায়ী ১ সেট কাপড় নমুনা হিসাবে দাখিল করিতে হইবে। কাপড় সেলাইয়ের জন্য টিকাদারকে উদ্ভটমানের পকেটের প্লাপক, বকরম ও বোতাম সরবরাহ করিতে হইবে। সকল দরদাতার দরপত্রের সাথে ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকার সিডি/বাক্স ডাফট, পুলিশ সুপার, খুলনার অনুকূলে জমা দিতে হইবে। ইহা ছাড়া টেন্ডার লাইসেন্স, আয়কর সাটিকিট, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি প্রত্যয়নপত্র দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হইবে। নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী যে কোন দরদাতার হাফ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা রাখেন। প্রত্যেক দরদাতাকে আগামী ২০-০৭-৯৬ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে খুলনা জেলা পুলিশ অফিসে বসিত টেন্ডার বাজে দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে এবং এদিনই ১২-০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে উপস্থিত (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরদাতার সমুদয় দরদাতার বাজ খোলা হইবে। দরপত্রের কোনরূপ কটাকটি বা ঘরামজা গ্রহণযোগ্য হইবে না।

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CHANDPUR: Hilsa fish being processed for supplying in different places of the country.

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