

Drinking water crisis prevails in Kishoreganj

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 6: Acute scarcity of drinking water has been prevailing all over the district. Particularly in the rural areas for long, it was observed.

The number of tubewells sunk by the Public Health Engineering Department stands at 18,699 which is not adequate to meet the crying need of the people.

According to an official source, in all 1151 tubewells have been choked up in the district. The thana-wise break up of the choked up tubewells are: Kishoreganj sadar-204, Karimganj-71, Tarail-121, Hossainpur-162, Pakundia-78, Kaliadi-90, Bajitpur-110, Bhairab-29, Kuliarchar-77, Austagram-33, Nikli-27, Matamoin-108 and Itna-41.

The people, finding no other alternative are compelled to drink water from polluted ponds and tanks. As a result they are being attacked with various water-borne diseases.

Severed body recovered in Jamalpur

JAMALPUR, Aug 6: Police recovered a severed body of a man from a rail track near Bausi Rail Bridge on Monday morning, reports UNB.

Police said Habibur Rahman, 35, of Shimlapalli village in Sorishabari was rui over by Dhaka bound train coming from Jagannathganj ghat.

Habibur, a peon of Alhaj Jute Mill Dhaka office might have been drunk when he met the accident, police suspected.

A case was filed with rail police.

Murder, terrorist attacks rise sharply in Kushtia

Despite frequent police raids crimes continue to increase

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Aug 6: There has been a drastic fall in law and order in Kushtia particularly in Daulatpur, Mirpur and Kumarkhali thanas in spite of police raids for recovery of illegal arms and arrest of criminals. Untoward incidents, free movement of terrorists carrying lethal weapons, murder in broad day-light, stabbing, rapping, hijacking, illegal toll collection and continuous violence, dacoity, looting arsons, grabbing of properties have become common feature. Pre-polit violence took toll of lives in Kumarkhali and Daulatpur thana a few days back, according to police and local sources.

A JSD activist was killed in Kumarkhali while a JP activists was killed in Daulatpur thana. Campus violence in educational institutions and its retaliatory measures have led to several killings recently.

Clashes among underground parties have also vitiated the atmosphere. Police have been conducting raids, arresting criminals recovering some arms out crime rate could not be checked. Police Super of Kushtia when contacted over telephone does not like to talk to the journalists as a result of official version remain absent when reporting about crime committed within his territory.

It is alleged during raids police pick up innocent people and they are being harassed every now and then. Unofficial sources said that over one thousand cattle were stolen

from different villages of the district during last one and half year but crime is going on unabated. Armed clashes occurred at different places where the activists used different kinds of fire arms manufactured locally or smuggled from abroad. Police however recovered a considerable quantity of arms but inflow of arms continue, informed sources said.

Gun fire killed one and injured about 25 others when clash ensued between opposition activists and BNP workers at Taragonia Bazar of Daulatpur thana on March 11. About 250 gun shots were exchanged between feuding groups. On July 6 an Awami League worker Ishaq, 55, was killed near Taragonia Bazar by the terrorists by stabbing.

On July 5, Abdul Aziz, 22, of Talabaria village under Aria union of Daulatpur thana was brutally killed. In the month of June a young boy of 10 year was kidnapped from village Gacherdiar of Daulatpur thana and he still remain untraced. A case was lodged in Daulatpur thana in this connection.

On July 2, Sayed, 22, Rawzan, 20, Yazul, 18, received bullet wounds during gun battle in village Daulatkhal of Daulatpur thana. On the same day Daud Hossain, 35, Vego, 45, and 10 others were injured in clashes between rival groups in village Sashidharpur when bombs were thrown and blasted and

chase and counter chase took place.

On July 3, Mizan, 35 and Mirza Alam Veli, 48, were injured in clashes between two groups in village Farakpur.

On June 16, a daring dacoity was committed in the house of Daud Mondol of Daulatkhal village of Daulatpur thana and dacoits looted cash and ornaments worth taka 20 thousand. On June 3, another dacoity was committed in the house of Azmat Ali of village Gangarmur of Daulatpur thana and dacoits looted valuables by blasting bombs and escaped safely.

On May 30, another dacoity was committed in the house of Munser Ali Joarder and dacoits looted valuables worth Tk fifty thousand. On June 17, Depot Provera Injection worth taka 50 thousand were stolen mysteriously from the store room of Daulatpur thana Family Planning office. On June 10, daring burglary were committed in five shops in Taragonia Bazar of Daulatpur thana. Burglars decamped with goods worth taka one lakh.

On 12th May a burglary was committed in the house of Saidur Khalifa of village Baitraggir Char. On June 14, looting took place in broad day light in village Laubaria. On May 1, Shamoly, 14, was kidnapped in village Pachamadia. On April 28, another school student Runa Laila, 12, was also kidnapped. On February 1, Saber Ali, 36, of village Begunbaria was murdered.

Output suspension

JFF incurs Tk 5cr loss

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Aug 6: The Jamuna Fertilizer Factory incurred a loss of about Taka five crore following suspension of production, according to official sources.

The factory with a production capacity of 1,700 metric tons of urea fertilizer everyday was shut down after detection a fault in the boiler machine which was traced on July 12.

The factory has a stock of 74,000 metric tons of fertilizer, an official source informed adding about 20,000 metric tons of fertilizer has been reported in short supply.

The factory resumed its production on July 17.

Two sentenced to life for murder

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Aug 6: Two persons accused in a murder case were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment recently. Saheb Ali and Nayeab Ali of village Joka under Muhamadpur thana of the district were found guilty on charge of killing Fote Bibi, 40, of the same village.

Accused Saheb Ali and Nayeab Ali killed Fote Bibi using a sharp weapon in a paddy field on November 3, 1994.

A case was filed and police after investigation submitted chargesheet against 14 accused.

The court found another 12 accused not guilty and acquitted them of the charge.



JHENIDAH: Some of the distressed women are taking training on tailoring and embroidery at Rural Poor Cooperative Project (RPPC) training centre of BRDB at Magura. The training course was conducted by Advance Centre for Courses in Engineering and Social Sciences (ACCESS).

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A flood-hit village in Tangail district.

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CHANDPUR Flood affected areas of Madrasa road in Chandpur Municipality. — Star photo

'Judicial system should be kept free from any influence'

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Aug 6: A seminar on sovereignty and separation of judicial system under the auspices of Gaibandha Bar Association concluded here at district judge court premises early this week. On the occasion fresher advocates were given a simple reception.

Gaibandha district and session Judge ATM Fazley Kabir was present as chief guest on the occasion, while additional session Judge Mirza Sirajul Islam as special guest.

Presided over by Advocate Shah Jahangir Kabir, President of Gaibandha Bar who also read out the essay describing the necessity of judicial sovereignty and its separation from administrative control.

On the issue of topics those who addressed were Assistant Session Judge Afzal Hossain, Senior Assistant Judge, SK Shah, Shamsul Alam Prodhan, Secretary Gaibandha Bar, Advocate Mozammel Hoque, Advocate Amjad Hossain Akanda, Advocate Sekender Azam Anam, Advocate Siddique Hossain Selim, Advocate Amit Kumar Day, Md. Khaled VP District Awami League, Shahjada Anowerul Kadir, Abu Zafar Sabu, Moshir Rahman Khan.

The speakers emphasised on the separations of judicial system from administrative control by replacing it under Supreme Court to ensure free and fair justice.

The session Judge in his address called upon all the fresher advocates to render services freely and impartially giving importance to maintain neutrality in law practices.

One commits suicide in Sundarbans

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Aug 6: Abdul Kader, 42, of village Gargurpur under Shyamnagar thana committed suicide by hanging himself on a branch of a tree in the Sundarbans on July 30 last.

Police sources said, Abdul Kader went to KLS area of the Sundarbans for cutting Gewa wood. He committed suicide by hanging himself on a branch of a tree. The cause of the incident was not known.

An UD case was lodged with Shyamnagar thana.

No shelter, food, employment

The aftermath of flood in Jamalpur

From Md Meherullah

JAMALPUR, Aug 6: The sufferings of the flood-victims at Jamalpur district have increased much due to intermittent rainfalls, non-sanction of house building grants and lack of food and employment.

Although flood water from both the rivers, Jamuna and the old Brahmaputra started receding the recession is however, taking place at an extremely slow pace. In all the low-lying areas, heavy water logging has been created. Many flood-affected areas of Jamalpur district covering seven thanas, namely Bakshiganj, Dewanganj, Madanganj, Islampur, Jamalpur Sadar, Sarishabari and Melandah, were still under water.

About 100 educational institutions were still lying crowded with flood victims, according to reports received from remote villages.

With the recession of water, people started returning home but the number of returnees was small due to firstly, slow recession and secondly, due to the fact that at least 75 per cent of those who took shelter elsewhere either on embankments or in other high place had no money to repair, reconstruct the partially or totally damaged houses.

According to officials, 120,000 houses were completely and 20,000 were partially damaged affecting 46,000 families in the above

seven thanas. But till July 30 not a single affected person has got any grant for house building purposes. The heavy intermittent rainfall through out of last month has further aggravated miseries of the flood affected people.

A total of 46 culverts, 35 km paca roads, 2500 km kutchha roads, 141 educational institutions 390 feet Harindara embankment were also damaged by the flood, officials said. The flood victims are facing an acute shortage of food. No further relief materials specially grains are being distributed. Government allotment was also too poor. It was alleged.

The victims had no stock of food with them nor any money in their pockets and most painfully they have no employment - no scope of earning. Until complete recession of water, agricultural production would not start. Hence, rural unemployment has taken a very serious turn.

The rural huts and bazars in the affected areas were yet to start transaction in full sowing season.

Rural communication was affected too. Many roads in the rural areas have been completely while many others partially damaged with no repairs work undertaken as yet. Carts, rickshaws, rickshaws vans,

were yet to start plying on these roads. This also was affecting rural economy adversely.

Meanwhile, UNB adds:

Flood affected people have started coming back to their respective homes from different shelters as the overall flood situation has improved further in the district.

But the Jamuna river erosion is on at Chinadui, Noarpura and Sapdahi unions of Islampur thana. District and thana sources said, at least 15,000 people have so far been rendered homeless.

The shelterless people informed that seven villages including Joredoba, Kodaldhoo, Rairpara of Noarpura union have been affected by the erosion of the river.

Meanwhile, government distributed some nine metric tons of rice, Tk 16,000 in cash, 50 pieces of shawres and 200 pieces of lungis among the affected people. High officials of the district visited the affected area.

During the last week, water of Brahmaputra receded further by 40 cm at Bahadurabad and water of the river Jamuna is flowing at 65 cm below its danger mark at the same point.

Four held with stolen electric wire in Pabna

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Aug 6: Four persons with one loaded truck, reportedly carrying stolen aluminium electricity wire 4,000 feet belonging to Kashinathpur Palli Bidyut Samity, were arrested recently by Santhia thana police. A case has also been lodged.

The recovered electric wire and the truck, bearing no Pabna TA-1314, were also seized by Santhia thana police. The accused persons were all produced before the court at Pabna and all of them were remanded to Pabna jail.

It is gathered from the police sources that on the right of July 6, suddenly the electric connection over the 19 cabinet line at Kashinathpur was turned off and Bera pourashava and many other surrounding areas went completely into darkness due to the said snapping of electric connection.

The Kashinathpur Palli Bidyut Samity employees recorded signals of the snapping. On searching the PBS employees found on Abdul Aziz, son of late Golam Rabbani and Jaidar Molla, son of Mamtaz Molla trying to flee with huge quantity of electric wire. They were caught handed along with the said electric wire. But 10 other accomplices however, managed to escape.

Upon interrogation, the above two arrested accused confessed that one truck was waiting near Paikorhati beside Nagorbari-Bogra portion of the North Bengal highways and upon reaching Paikorhati, the Palli Bidyut Samity employees along with the arrested persons, found that the said truck, its driver Jahangir, and the helper of the truck Shaiful, waiting with stolen electric wires. They were waiting for loading more wires being carried by the thieves, the driver and the helper were also arrested.

Minor girl dies of snake bite

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 6: A minor girl died of snake bite recently.

It was learnt, Joygon Bibi, 14, daughter of Abdul Mosabbir of Bhanugachh village under Kamalgonj thana was sleeping her bed when a poisonous snake bite her. It was learnt.

She died a few hours later, family sources said.



SATKHIRA: BDR personnel of 21 battalion recovered huge quantity of Indian sarrees worth Taka about 10 lakh from the said luggage parties from Bhomra immigration check post recently.

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