

News snaps

Houses to be built for cyclone victims

COMPANIGANJ, July 6: A district relief and rehabilitation co-ordination meeting was held recently at Companiganj Thana Council here with State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader in the chair, reports BSS.

Law, order situation reviewed

SUNAMGANJ, July 6: A meeting of the district law and order committee was held recently at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner, Sunamganj, reports BSS.

Massive aus farming scheme

NETRAKONA, July 6: Netrakona district agriculture extension department has taken up a massive aus crop cultivation programme in all thanas under Netrakona district in the current season, reports BSS.

2 killed in road mishaps

MYMENSINGH, July 6: Two people were killed and 15 others injured in separate road mishaps in the district recently, reports UNB.

Police said Jasimuddin, 65, was killed when a microbus hit his bicycle at Katney in Fulpur thana on Mymensingh-Halua-ghat highway. He succumbed to his injuries soon after admission to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH). In another incident at Shikarika on Mymensingh-Dhaka highway, one person was killed and injured when a Mymensingh-bound minibus overturned while giving passage to another one at about 12:30pm.

Training course on coop leadership

MANIKGANJ, July 6: A four-day long training course on "co-operative leadership and management development" concluded in the auditorium of Shivalaya TCCA recently, reports BSS.

The training course, organised by the Mobile Training Unit of district cooperative department, was participated by 50 members of Tetra Traders Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Dashchira Ansar-VDP Development Multipurpose Cooperative Society, Teprabazar Multipurpose Cooperative Society and Gajindabari Agriculture Cooperative Society under Shivalaya thana.

391 uplift projects completed in Pirojpur

PIROJPUR, July 6: Work on 391 schemes under the rural infrastructure maintenance programme in the district have been completed on the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

A total of 898 metric tons of wheat have been utilised for the schemes implemented by Relief and Rehabilitation department. Of the total, 62 schemes have been completed in Bhandaria, 41 in Kaulkhal, 94 in Mathbaria, four in Pirojpur paurasava, 62 in Nazirpur, 63 in Nesarabad, 62 in Sadar thana and three in Mathbaria paurasava.

Fish scarcity in Sylhet

SYLHET, July 6: Fish are scarce in the haor area of the district for want of integrated pisciculture throwing the fishermen in great distress, reports UNB.

Fishermen alleged that they could not establish their ownership on 'jalma' as these are mostly grabbed by the influential people who do not feel the necessity to release fry during the season to boost fish production. Moreover, indiscriminate use of current net for fishing and lack of re-excavation of different rivers, canals and beels have decreased the fish production in the district.

Housewife commits suicide

JAMALPUR, July 6: A housewife allegedly committed suicide by taking poison in Kendua thana of sadar thana of the district on Saturday, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Anima Saha, 28, wife of Swapan Kumar Saha. Her husband is now absconding following her death. Relatives said that family feud might be the cause behind her suicide. Police said Anima was rushed to the sadar hospital at dawn where she died at around 8 am.

Valuables worth Tk 3 lakh looted

CHITTAGONG, July 6: An unidentified autorickshaw passenger was injured and valuables worth about Tk 3.84 lakh were looted from two houses at a village in Rauzan thana in an armed robbery Friday night, reports UNB.

Police said a group of 20-25 armed muggers in mask entered the houses of Fazal Ahmed and Mohammad Ilias at Nopara village in the thana at around 10 pm. The hoodlums tied up the inmates of the houses with ropes damped with the booties, including gold ornaments, electronics goods and some cash worth about Tk 3.84 lakh. Inmates, including women were beaten.

20 hurt in road accident

SATKHIRA, July 6: Twenty persons were injured, two of them seriously, in a road accident on Satkhira-Jessore road under Sharsha thana of Jessore district on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Police and hospital source said, a Satkhira bound mini-bus collided head-on with another mini-bus coming from the opposite direction on Satkhira-Jessore Road near at Navaron Thakurbari. Seriously injured Abdus Sattar, 35, of Satkhira and Akbar Ali, 34, of village Kukrail were admitted in Satkhira sadar hospital.

Efforts on to ensure people's welfare

RAMGATI (Laxmipur), July 6: Shipping Minister ASM Abdur Rab said here on Saturday that the present government had taken several epoch-making steps for the welfare of the people, especially for the distressed and helpless rural masses, reports BSS.

Addressing a cross section of people including leaders and workers of political parties, student and youth organisations, Freedom Fighters and businessmen of Alexander of sadar thana the minister said that the common people would have to be empowered and considered as the focal point of all development.

School building works start

NOAKHALI, July 6: State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader on Saturday opened the construction of new building of seven educational institutions in Noakhali district involving Tk 35 lakh, reports BSS.

The institutions are Muktiyoddaha Sahid Kamal High School, Strajpur High School, Majnuapur High School, Char Kakora High School, Peskerhat High School, Rajpur Primary High School and Char Hajary Mossarraf Hossain Primary School.

Motor cycle recovered; 2 held

RAJSHAHI, July 6: Police arrested two alleged muggers and recovered one motor cycle from their hideout in Pabna on Thursday night, reports BSS.

Police said that one motor-bike belonged to a Patrol Inspector of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police was stolen by the muggers at dead of night on June 27 from Greater Road residence of the inspector. After hectic search from different parts of the region, police recovered the motor-bike and arrested Jalal and Ratan for their alleged involvement in the theft case, police added.

AGM of Kachua Cooperative Society

BAGERHAT, July 6: The eighth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Kachua Thana Poor Central Cooperative Society was held on Wednesday in the auditorium of Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) here, reports BSS.

The Chairman of BRDB, Sheikh Edris Ali, presided over the meeting. Thana Rural Development Officer Munshi Shahabuddin, Thana Cooperative Officer Md Shahjahan Molah and Assistant Cooperative Officer Debrabato Mitra spoke on the occasion.

Demonstration plots for crops set up

MADARIPUR, July 6: The Agriculture Extension Department set up demonstration plots for various crops in 334 acres of land in the district in the current summer season, reports BSS.

According to an official source, demonstration plots were set up for cultivation of aus, aman, jute and vegetables. The plots were set up to acquaint the farmers with modern method of cultivation.



JESSORE: The representatives of fishermen's cooperative societies receiving deeds from the Deputy Commissioner of Jessore, M A Malek Mia in a workshop held here recently. — Star photo

Khas water bodies for poor fishermen

From Atiur Rahman

JESSORE, July 6: A total number of 3,400 distressed fishermen of five districts got permanent possession of 22 government owned water bodies in a workshop held here on July 1.

They received deeds of their legal rights at a workshop arranged jointly by the Department of Fisheries (DOF), DANIDA and BRAC at the local office of a Non-governmental Organisation (NGO) Banchitta Shikha here.

The fishermen of Jessore, Jhenidah, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Faridpur got the ownership of khas derelict beels. The Os-bow Lake Project II, project office of Beel Baor Fisheries Development and Management Project, Jessore took the initiative of holding the workshop.

The representatives of fishermen received the deeds from the Deputy Commissioner of Jessore, Abdul Malek Mia. He attended the workshop as the chief guest.

Presided over by Project Director (PD) Beel Baor Fisheries Development and Management Project, Jessore, M A Satter a good number of resource personnel participated in the workshop.

Dr Hans AJ Middendrop, Chief Technical Advisor (CTA), Dr Rezaul Hasan and Neaz Ahmed of DANIDA, Shah Alam, Regional Manager, BRAC, District Fisheries Officer (DFO) Abdus Satter, Assistant Director, Beel Baor Management Project, Waliur Rahman, District Cooperative Officer, Jessore, Anjan Kumar Sirkar, Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Jessore, Nurul Islam Khan, Barrister Akhter Imam of the Supreme Court, Dhaka, TNO Sadar, Jessore and all chairmen and secretaries of fishermen's cooperative societies attended the workshop.

Edward College ex-students' convention Aug 1

From Our Correspondent PABNA, July 6: A convention of the ex-students of Pabna Edward College will be held on August 1 in Pabna Banamali Institute auditorium. 'Pabna Edward College ex-students' Association will be formed in the convention.

The representatives of the new association would form a broad-based committee for celebration of the Foundation Centenary of Pabna Edward College. The teachers, students, former students, former teachers will be included there.

The decision of holding the convention was taken at a meeting held with Prof Ansar Ali, convener of the committee in the chair. The meeting appealed to the ex-students of the college to participate in the proposed convention scheduled to the held, on August 1.

All ex-students of Edward College have been requested to immediately contact the Joint Convenors of the organising committee — Principal Fakhrul Islam (Phone-5540), Gopalpur, Pabna or Advocate Ranesh Maitra (Phone 5093), Beltala Road, Pabna for detailed information.

Barrister Akhter Imam discussed on various points regarding the legal aspect and validity of the deed in the court of law.

The project was the outcome of agreement of donor agencies including DANIDA with Bangladesh Government held in 1989. The work of this project began from 1990. The aims of the project was to help the distressed fishermen.

It was also disclosed in the workshop that right of ownership of these water bodies has been transferred to the fishermen by deed. Originally these khas beels belonged to the Land Ministry.

The Fisheries Ministry received the transfer order of ownership of these water bodies from the Land Ministry, on behalf of the fishermen for handing over those formally.

It is a milestone in the long struggle of professional fishermen to establish their rights in khas waterbodies.

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'Efforts on to change people's lot'

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, July 6: Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Zinatun Nessa Talukdar said the present government is working tirelessly to change the lot of common people through distribution of national resources without discrimination, reports UNB.

She was addressing as chief guest at a workshop on 'Checking women and child trafficking' organised by Association for Community Development (ACD) in Binodpur High School premises on Saturday.

She said Sheikh Hasina's government is determined to free the country from illiteracy and poverty to make it economically self-reliant.

She also said it is necessary to improve the socio-economic condition of the people and co-ordinated efforts of government and private sector are needed to check the child and women trafficking.

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RMP Commissioner says No compromise with terrorists

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, July 6: There is no compromise with terrorists no matter in which party or quarter they belong to. They would be brought under the process of law.

The newly appointed Police Commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP), AKM Shamsuddin said this while exchanging views with the university correspondents of different dailies here recently.

The new Police Commissioner said, every efforts will be taken to curb campus terrorism once for all. The commissioner further said that the activities of police will be widened to the surrounding areas of the campus.

Responding to alleged police failure to recover arms from Islamic Chhatra Shibir (ICS) terrorists he declared that frantic efforts were being made to recover illegal arms from ICS terrorists.

The new police commissioner sought whole hearted cooperation to police from all quarters including teachers, students, guardians, political parties as well as journalists to curb campus terrorism.

The Deputy Commissioners (DC) of RMP, Khaden Hussain and Erfan Ali Khan were also present there.

3 killed in Satkhira road mishaps

From Our Correspondent SATKHIRA, July 6: Three persons including an old woman, were killed in three separate road accidents in different routes of the district recently.

Police sources said, Rabiul Islam, 20, son of Affar Ali of village Atapur under Debhata thana was run over by a speeding truck at Parulia bazar Satkhira-Kaliganj road recently.

Chandpur Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, July 6: Chandpur police seized a huge quantity of fertilizer worth about Taka 20 lakh from a godown of Shahjalal Traders at ghat no 5 in the town.

The staffers of the godown failed to show any valid document in favour of their stocks. When police raided the godown the owner of the godown, Hazi Sagir Mia was found absconding.

Police arrested four persons. A case has been registered with Chandpur Police in this connection.

Diarrhoea claims 6 lives

Six persons died and 20 others attacked with diarrhoea in different areas of the district recently.

About 50 to 60 diarrhoea patients are being admitted in Matlab ICDDR Hospital daily. According to the Civil Surgeon's office sources, many medical teams are working in different areas of the district.

Scarcity of saline and other medicines has been prevailing in the district.

Arsenic scare

Arsenic scare has gripped Matlab thana in the district as about 20 persons have been affected with arsenic poisoning there.

Some people of the affected area brought tubewell water at

NIPSOM, Dhaka for test. Arsenic was detected in the sample. People are now drinking water from ponds as 200 tubewells have been sealed recently.

Public Health Engineering Department PHED has been informed about the situation.

Law, order situation worsens

The law and order situation in the town and seven other thanas of the district has deteriorated during the last few months.

Crimes like dacoity, theft, hijacking, murder, gambling, rape, acid throwing are now rampant in the district.

Police recently arrested eight dacoits while committing dacoity inside launches in the river Meghna.

Aman farming Programme

Transplanted aman cultivation scheme has been taken up in the district during the current season.

About two lakh hectares of land in seven thanas of the district have been brought under aman cultivation scheme.

About one lakh hectare of land will be brought under High Yielding Variety (HYV). The rest will be brought under local variety.



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Tk 43 cr road uplift projects progressing

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, July 6: About one hundred development projects are being implemented in six southern districts under Barisal division during this financial year.

Works of these projects in Barisal, Patuakhali, Barguna, Bhola, Jhalakati and Pirojpur districts are nearing completion.

These projects are being implemented with an expenditure of Tk 43.60 crore under Roads and Highways (R&H) Department of Barisal circle.

Official sources said that these projects included construction and repair of roads, highways and feeder roads covering over 1,850 kilometre in six districts under Barisal circle.

The break-up of these projects are in Barisal and Jhalakati districts 28 projects while 22 projects in Patuakhali 30 projects in Pirojpur and 21 projects in Bhola district.

Roads and Highways Department has also been constructing 4 bridges in three districts with an expenditure of Tk. 23.5 crore during this financial year. With the implementation of these projects the local infrastructure and communication systems in the division will be developed, informed sources said.

Meanwhile, lakhs of people of this division are demanding the construction of a bridge at Doarika-Shikarpur on Barisal-Faridpur highway as early as possible. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina recently assured the local leaders of Barisal that a bridge at Doarika-Shikarpur would be constructed as early as possible.

Gazipur PWD Division PWD Notice Inviting Tenders

- 1. Tender No : 237/96-97.
2. Name of work : Printing & Publishing 500 pages Book of Specification of Public Works Department (3000 Nos Books containing approximately 500 pages with 50 pages drawing & 450 pages with black & white contains in each book of size 10.75"x8.75").
3. Earnest Money : 10% (ten per cent) of the total quoted amount.
4. Specification : As per attached schedule.
5. Time allowed : 30 (thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Price of tender : Tk 410/- (four hundred ten) only.
7. Place of selling & receiving Tender : Office of the undersigned including Executive Engineer Offices under Saver PWD Circle, Dhaka.
8. Last date of selling tender : During office hours up to 21-7-97.
9. Date of receiving & opening of tender : Up to 12:00 Noon on 22-7-97 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM.
10. Eligibility of Contractors/Firms to compete in the tender : (i) Special Class-I, Class-I approved Bldg Contractors/Firms of PWD, Class-II approved Bldg Contractor of PWD Dhaka Zone, Dhaka & bonafide Firms in this line.
11. To compete in the tender pre-conditions, terms & conditions with special terms and conditions along with relevant information are laid in the tender schedule which may be seen accordingly.
12. The undersigned reserved the right to reject or accept any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason.

Md Abdur Rashid Executive Engineer Gazipur PWD Division Gazipur, Phone: 2468. DFP-15625-27 G-1785



AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): The meritorious students who were awarded prizes from Begum Sitabjan Trust of the university are seen with Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Hussain recently. Dr Ashraf Haque donated money in memory of his mother Begum Sitabjan.