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Call to resist anti-liberation forces

KHULNA, Aug 13: Jatiya Samonaya Committee leaders at a meeting here recently urged the pro-liberation forces to unite and resist the anti-liberation elements, reports UNB. Held at Shaheed Hadis Park, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Committee leaders Syed Hasan Imam, Shawkat Ali MP, Prof. Ahad Chowdhury, Prof. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Kazi Aref Ahmed and former MP Harunur Rashid. They vowed afresh to foil the conspiracy of the fallen forces and said the post-1975 regimes had tried to distort the country's history and ruin the spirit of the Liberation War.

Timber recovered

KHAGRACHHARI, Aug 13: The Forest Department officials here on Tuesday seized 175 cubic feet of stolen timber from several places of the town, reports BSS.

A forest department source said the price of recovered timber, teak and kora wood was about Tk 1.70 lakh. A case was filed in his connection in Khagrachhari Police Station. None was arrested.

Land development tax realised

MYMENSINGH, Aug 13: A total of Tk 185,59,030 was realised as land development tax against the demand of Tk 4,13,35,585 from 12 thanas of Mymensingh district in 1996-97 fiscal year, reports BSS.

Of total amount, Tk 1,51,78,313 was realised against the demand of Tk 1,81,74,480 from individuals while Tk 33,80,717 was realised from the institutions and organisations against the demand of Tk 231,61,096, an official source said.

Miladunnabi celebrated in Bandarban

BANDARBAN, Aug 13: An elaborate programme was chalked out in Bandarban district recently to mark the holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi in a befitting manner, reports BSS.

The Islamic Foundation office of Bandarban district held a discussion on August 5 at its auditorium here. Dr. Ahamed Kabir, Civil Surgeon presided over the meeting. Deputy Commissioner of Bandarban was present as the chief guest. Moulana Alauddin Imam discussed various aspects of the life and teaching of the holy Prophet Muhammad (SM) as the main speaker.

Afforestation drive in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Aug 13: A massive tree plantation programme has been launched in greater Rajshahi district during the current tree plantation drive, reports BSS.

Official sources said different government, semi-government and other organisations of greater Rajshahi district have taken up a programme to plant about one crore various types of saplings during the current tree plantation programme launched by the government. Over 30 lakh saplings have so far been planted in greater Rajshahi district.

Smuggler arrested

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 13: The district branch of Detective Police seized 60 pieces of Indian sarees and arrested a man raiding a village in Kamarkhand thana of the district recently, reports UNB.

Sources said police, in a special drive, raided Karnasuti Botla village and recovered the sarees from Rafiqul Islam, 38, of Bara Kura village of the same thana. Police said Rafiq was known as a smuggler in the area for long.

Mourning Day programme in N'ganj

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 13: Preparations are afoot to observe the National Mourning Day marking the 22nd death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the district in a befitting manner on August 15, reports BSS.

The Narayanganj district administration at a meeting chalked out elaborate programmes on the occasion. The programmes include *milad mahfil*, rally, discussion on the life of Bangabandhu, garlanding on the portrait of Bangabandhu, short film show, cultural function, essay writing competition on the life of Bangabandhu, special prayer and wearing of black badges.

20 hurt in Khulna road mishap

KHULNA, Aug 13: At least 20 persons were injured in a road accident at Kayabazar on Khulna-Satkhira road about 10 kilometre away from here recently, reports BSS.

The accident occurred when the driver of a Satkhira bound passenger bus lost control of the vehicle and fell into a roadside ditch, according to police. The seriously injured passengers were admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Discussion meeting

SATKHIRA, Aug 13: A discussion meeting of Assasuni thana Awami League was held at the party office recently, reports BSS.

The meeting was presided over by the president of thana Awami League Dr. Muklesur Rahman, MP. Sahazur Ali, general secretary and Nilkanto Shome, Jahor Ali, Yunus Ali, Konok Chandra and other members of the thana and union committees were present at the meeting. A programme to observe the National Mourning Day on August 15 was chalked out in the meeting.

Work of health complex completed

COMILLA, Aug 13: The construction of two thana health complexes at Nangalkot and Brahmanpara thanas of the district has been completed recently, reports BSS.

The Public Works Department source said, the government sanctioned Taka nine crore for the construction of the two health complexes. Each two-storey 50-bed hospital complex includes staff quarters and other facilities.

Jobless youths to be trained

NARAIL, Aug 13: State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader has said the unemployed youths of the rural areas will be trained through mobile training units, reports BSS.

Quader said the mobile training units will impart trainings alongwith credit facilities available at the door-steps of the unemployed youths who live in the rural areas.

Book publication ceremony held

FARIDPUR, Aug 13: The publication ceremony of 'Nil Sabujer Chhara' — a collection of lyrical verses composed by young poet Fakur Rahman was held on Thursday at local *Shikha o Sanskrit Chakra Kendra*, reports BSS.

The function sponsored by Faridpur district Khelaghar was presided over by Khelaghar Vice President Abdul Motalab. Dr. Qamrul Ahsan, head of Bangla Department of Rajendra College was the chief guest in the function while Md. Azizul Haque Khan, Vice-Principal of Government Yasin College attended as special guest.

Tree Fair in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, Aug 13: Patuakhali district administration in cooperation with the local Forest Department has organised a 'tree-fair' in local PDSA play-ground on August 7, reports BSS.

Official sources said, as many as 30 stalls will be installed in the fair, which will sell different seedlings and plants for the people interested in social afforestation. Local Sishu Academy has taken up several programmes for the children on this occasion. The fair will continue for 10 days.

Revenue earning exceeds target

JESSORE, Aug 13: Jessore Customs Excise and VAT Commissioner collected Tk 150 crore in revenue in 1996-97, up from the year's target of Tk 143 crore, reports UNB.

Officials said the target was crossed by 5 per cent despite a number of cases of tax-evasion. Some 114 cases were filed in connection with irregularities and evasion during the last fiscal year. The growth in realisation of customs duties and VAT (value-added tax) was 17.50 per cent over the previous year. In the 1995-96 fiscal, the amount of collection was Tk 127.61 crore.

Prices of essentials up

KUSHTIA, Aug 13: Prices of essential commodities have marked sharp rise in local markets of the district, causing hardship to the consumers, reports UNB.

Traders said shortage of supply pushed the prices so high, but consumers blamed unscrupulous traders for the prices spiral. Adulterated oil is also being sold in the local markets, some consumers alleged. Prices of rice, fish, meat, egg, milk, soybean oil and vegetable have shot up. Coarse rice is being sold at Tk 10-13 per kg while mutton price rose to Tk 100 per kg.

Health Inspectors' training course

SUNAMGANJ, Aug 13: A 2-day training course on preparation and management against epidemic of malaria concluded here at the sadar hospital on August 4, reports BSS.

District health department organised this training course. Four health inspectors, 14 assistant health inspectors and two health assistants participated in the course.

Villagers snatch convict from police

COMILLA, Aug 13: Villagers snatched away convict from police on their way to Chaudyagram thana on Sunday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Sadek Mia, 35, from his residence at Parura village early in the morning. As they were returning to the thana alongwith the convict at about 6 am, a group of villagers equipped with lethal weapons swooped on the police and took away Sadek.



GAIBANDHA : About 300 families of two villages namely Chakuli and Bangabari under Shaghata thana in the district have been rendered homeless by erosion of the river Katakhal due to sharp fall in its water level in last few days. The two villages are on the verge of extinction now. Nine more villages such as Ramnagar, Kachua, Chandanpat, Kingkorpur, Jamalair, Pakurtola, Panchpur, Simulbari and Bolierbar are also affected by the river erosion. Yet no step has been taken by the authorities to contain the erosion. Out of total 300 erosion affected families, 100 families passing their days under open sky and the remaining families have taken shelter in different educational institutes of the area. The photo was taken recently by our local correspondent K M Rezaul Haque.

Padma erosion renders 283 families homeless

Abdul Matin Fakir

FARIDPUR, Aug 13: A total of 283 families of different villages under Char Jhokkanda union under Char Bhadransar thana have been rendered homeless owing to the erosion of the river Padma during the last three weeks.

The erosion affected families have taken shelter at different villages of Sadarpur and Char Bhadransar thanas in Faridpur district and Dohar thana in Dhaka district.

When contacted, Char Jhokkanda Union Parishad chairman Moazzem Hossain Mridha said to The Daily Star, the erosion rendered 283 families homeless and 250 acre of fertile land with standing crops devoured into the river-bed. Moreover, two government primary schools — one at Char Taherpur and the other at Nawabganj under the union are being threatened by the erosion. At present these schools are likely to be devoured by the

Padma. The village-wise break-up of the affected families area as follows: 30 families of Kalyanpur, 25 families of Gopalpur, 35 families of Diara Jhokkanda, 28 families of Jhokkanda, 15 families of North Nawabganj and 150 families of Kalikapur.

Char Jhokkanda Union Parishad (UP) office has been damaged very badly due to recent flash flood.

Some affected families when contacted said to this correspondent, the able members of these families compelled to go to the capital city to do odd jobs including rickshaw and van pulling.

It may be mentioned here, a vast tract of crop-land was swallowed by the Padma last year throwing a good number of families out of their hearth and home.

The affected families have sought emergency measures to employ the erosion victims so that they can eke out their livings by honest means. The local chairman also urged the authorities concerned to distribute relief materials among the erosion victims of the union on emergency basis.

Boy killed in landslide

SYLHET, Aug 13: A teenaged boy was killed in a house collapse in Islampur area early Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police said inam, 18, a tempo-helper and son of Noor Miah of Mukampur area, died when their mudwall house on a small hill collapsed due to a landslide at about 5 am.

The victim was asleep when the disaster befell on him. Later, police recovered the body. An unnatural death (UD) case was filed.

Cop killed by extortionists

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 13: A retired police constable Shaikh Nazimuddin, 60, hailing from Palgram, Kashba under Phulatala police station (PS) was lynched by unknown assailants on Monday midnight at his residence, police said.

He was an assistant to a Public Works Department (PWD) contractor. He was killed for refusing to bring Taka one lakh from the contractor as subscription.

A case has been registered with Phulatala thana in this connection.

Call to uphold spirit of Liberation War

RAJSHAHI, Aug 13: Speakers at a public meeting here on Tuesday evening called upon the people to uphold the spirit of the Liberation War and unitedly resist the evil designs of anti-liberation forces, and strengthen democracy for all round development of the country, reports BSS.

Presided over by veteran Freedom Fighter Abdul Malek Chowdhury, the meeting was also addressed, among others, by Awami League presidium member Abdul Jalil, convener, central committee of Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee Hasan Imam, national coordination committee member-secretary Prof. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, steering committee member and JSD president Kazi Arif Ahmed, Rajshahi district Awami League president Babu Rakhal Chandra Das, president, Rajshahi University Teachers' Association (RUTA) Prof. M. Shahidul Islam Enamul Huq, Mujibur Huq Boku, Liakat Ali Liku and Shaqur Rahman Raja. The meeting was held at Saheb Bazar square.

Ready-made question papers on sale!

NARAIL, Aug 13: Ready-made question-papers are available in the market for being used in the periodical school examinations, reports UNB.

Many government and non-government educational institutions here have been buying question-papers, set and printed by outsiders and are being used for periodical and annual class examinations by schools and colleges in urban and rural areas.

These ready-made question-papers which are being produced by inexperienced persons are of poor standard, full of errors and inconsistent with school curriculum, sources in the teaching profession said.

Guardians alleged that these educational institutions are not able to show satisfactory results in the terminal and Board conducted examinations.

These educational institutions are buying ready-made question-papers instead of producing their own with a view to saving time, energy and money, the sources said.

A headmaster said ready-made question-papers are easily available at reasonable cost.

3 killed in Feni road accident

FENI, Aug 13: Three people were killed and 23 others, including eight army men, were injured in separate accidents on Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Sadar thana Monday reports UNB.

Witnesses said three people died and 15 others were wounded when a Dhaka-bound bus collided with a truck in Digbar area on the highway. Two of the dead were identified as Litu, 23, and Nurul Alam, 25. The injured were rushed to Chaudagram thana health complex and Sadar hospital.

In another accident in the same area, eight army men were injured.

Demand for removal of IU VC reiterated BCL threatens hunger strike unto death

From Our Correspondent

Mir Moshad, Dewan Mithu, Shahan Shah, Milton, Mostafa, Mir Masud, Khokan Reza, Elias, Faruq and Sarwar. The speakers threatened a programme of hunger strike unto death if their demand for removal of VC was not met immediately.

Meanwhile, general secretary of Islamic University Teachers' Association (IUTA) grave concern over the stalemate in Islamic University and said that the association is continuing their movement for the last 45 days for removal of the present vice-chancellor. The concern of IUTA was expressed after the statement of 13 meritorious students expressed their desire to commit suicide in the campus if the present deadlock is not solved within August 18. They have demanded immediate removal of the present VC and appointment of an honest vice-chancellor for solution of the present crisis. The general students also took part in the token hunger strike on Tuesday in front of the Kushtia residence of IU vice-chancellor. The general students threatened

tougher programme if the university is not opened and functioning normally within August 15. They said that the academic life of 5,000 students are threatened as a result of closure of the university for a long time since June 26. They expressed their resentment over the situation created by a handful of students in their party interest. They have started a signature campaign and a good number of signature of the students have been collected and submitted it to the vice-chancellor. A signature campaign was also launched by the people in and around the university campus. They are in favour of opening of the university. They have also sent their opinion to the authorities concerned for immediate opening of the university in the interest of the academic career of the students. The general students urged the Chancellor, vice-chancellor and all teachers of the university to reopen the university without further delay and bring back congenial academic atmosphere in the campus.

Kurigram Press Club executives

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Aug 13: The election of Kurigram Press Club was held here recently.

The following office-bearers of the press club were elected. They are: President S M Chana Lal Bakki (Kurigram Khabar), Vice-Presidents - Liaquat Ali (Weekly Tattha Katha), and AB Siddique (Kurigram Barta), General Secretary - Fazley Elahi Swapan (Inquilab), Joint Secretary - Ahsan Habib Niloo (Al Mujaddid), Treasurer - Raju Mustafiz (Janakantha), Publicity - Farhad Ali Sarkar (Kurigram Barta), Publication - Abdul Khaleque (Banglabazar Patrika), Literary and Cultural Secretary - AYM Alamgir (Gonokatha), Office Secretary - Rafiqul Islam (Ajker Kurigram), Sports Secretary - Shafiqul Islam Bebu, (Weekly Tattha Katha) Social Welfare Secretary - Hasebur Rahman (Ajker Kurigram).

Executive members: Mahabat Bin Khondokar (Weekly Dharial), Ehsanul Alam Ansary (Weekly Dharial) and Abul Hossain Babul (Weekly Tattha Katha).

Transport workers calls off strike

SYLHET, Aug 13: Transport workers on Tuesday called their strike off after a three-day halt in vehicular movement on Sylhet-Sunamganj highway, reports UNB.

The decision to withdraw the strike was taken following a successful tripartite negotiation with the leaders of transport workers, leaseholders and administration.

The transport workers enforced the strike on Saturday protesting illegal toll collection at Lama Kazi Bridge on the highway.

Arsenic in tubewell water in Gaibandha

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Aug 13: Arsenic content was found in tubewell water in the district, it has been revealed from local Public Health Engineering Department (PHED).

The district PHED started testing arsenic content in tubewell water throughout the district since last two months. The authorities concerned examined water of 40 tubewells from different areas of the district. Out of those a single tubewell was detected at the house of Nurunnabi of village Protap under Sadullapur thana where .08 mg

arsenic content was found. On detection of danger level of arsenic content in the above mentioned tubewell, the Deputy Commissioner of Gaibandha restricted using water of the particular tubewell. The people of adjacent areas have been advised not to use tubewell water of that tubewell. They were also warned to use tubewell water carefully.

According to the opinion of Executive Engineer of PHED, the danger level of arsenic content in the water is .05 mg which is dangerous to the human being. Besides, during examination of water sample from other tubewells, arsenic content was found below danger level up to .02 mg in some areas including Gaibandha Pourashava.

While talking to Fazul Huq, Executive Engineer of PHED, Gaibandha, he told The Daily Star that steps were being taken to examine all tubewell water throughout the seven thanas gradually.

However, no arsenic affected patient was detected anywhere in the district till filing of this report.

Khulna Jubo Dal biennial confce date revised

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 13: Biennial conference of the district unit of Jubo Dal which was scheduled to be held on Tuesday has been postponed with a view to averting armed violence between two rival groups of the party, says a press release.

Rain disrupts life in Netrakona

NETRAKONA, Aug 13: Netrakona district town and its adjoining areas have been experiencing moderate to heavy rainfall during the last 30 hours, reports BSS.

Normal life has been disrupted here following the downpour which forced the people to remain indoor. The rainfall has resulted waterlogging in different parts of Netrakona town as the rain water remained stagnant for the lack of proper drainage system here.

Meanwhile, three major rivers — Sumeswari, Kongo, and Dano — of the district have recorded a sharp rise in their water levels in different points during the last two days due to the downpour.

Local Water Development Board (WDB) office source told that the water level of the river Sumeswari has registered a sharp rise at the Berishiri point under Durgapur thana.

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 Memo No. EC(Cy)/95/8(Part-2)/526 Dated: 05/08/97

Corrigendum

With reference to this office Memo No. EEC (Cy)/P/95/8 (Part-2)/518 dt. 22-07-97 regarding Re-tender Notice for Selection of Local Consulting Firm for the project "Rehabilitation of Foodgrain Storage & Handling Systems in Chittagong & Khulna (Project No. BGD/9281/91)" is kept in abeyance for unavoidable circumstances.

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Sealed tenders are invited from bona fide book traders/publishers to purchase books for the libraries of Sylhet Govt Veterinary College and Chittagong Govt Veterinary College under Sylhet and Chittagong Govt Veterinary College Establishment Project. Schedule of the said tender can be collected from the office of the Project Director. Interested tenderers can collect the tender schedule from the office at Tk 400/= (four hundred) only in cash (non-refundable) during office hours from 25-8-97 to 27-8-97. Earnest money at the rate 2% of the total value should be submitted with the tender in Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the Project Director up to 12-00 Noon of 1-9-97 and opened on the same day at 12-30 hrs in presence (if any) of the tenderers. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender.

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Tender Invitation for Purchase of Computer

Sealed tenders in double-envelope system are invited from bonafide traders/suppliers for purchase of a multi-media computer with internet connection to maintain communication with external world, and a general computer and a laser printer to use in publication as well as other official works, for the External Publicity Section.

Tender schedule can be purchased from the office of the undersigned at Tk 400/- (four hundred) only (non-refundable) during office hours upto the day before the date of submitting tender.

Bank Draft/Pay Order for 5.00 per cent of the quoted rate as earnest money in favour of Assistant Director (Admin), External Publicity Section, Ministry of Education, Dhaka should be submitted with the tender.

The date of submitting tender in the tender box kept at the Reception Room of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at the Section is 21-8-97 up to 12-00 Noon. Tender box will be opened on the same day in presence (if any) of the tenderers.

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