

National

News snaps

1,79,931 cattle vaccinated in Pirojpur

PIROJPUR, Aug 18: District Livestock Department vaccinated 1,79,931 cattlehead and 42,84,415 poultry birds in six thanas of the district during the last fiscal year, reports UNB.

According to an official estimate, 35,922 cattlehead were given vaccines in Sadar thana while 27,796 in Nazirpur, 26,694 in Nesaraband and 25,977 in Kaokhali thanas. Besides, 32,019 animals were vaccinated in Bhandaria and 31,523 in Motbaria thanas during the period. The department also rendered treatment to 63,023 hens and ducks and 34,841 domestic animals during the same period.

Woman gives birth to 4 babies

GAIBANDHA, Aug 18: A woman in Sadar thana gave birth to four babies recently, creating sensation in the area, reports UNB.

Villagers said Arabi Begum, wife of Abul Kashem of village Radhakrishnapur, produced two girls and two boys one after another. Although the mother was reportedly doing well, but her new-born babies died soon after their birth.

320 mts of rice for Pabna flood victims

PABNA, Aug 18: About 10,000 flood affected families in four thanas of the district have been provided with 320 mts of rice under Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) programme, reports UNB.

According to Relief Department sources, the district administration distributed the relief among 4,500 enlisted cattle holder distressed children and women in Bera, 3,500 in Santhia, 1,500 in Sujanagar and 500 in Aftghora thana. Each distressed family would be provided with 32 kgs of rice for two months under special VGF programme. Medical teams are also imparting basic health education in diarrhoea-hit areas.

Patuakhali polytechnic students' procession

PATUAHKHALI, Aug 18: Students of Patuakhali Government Polytechnic Institute brought out a procession on Thursday in the town demanding resignation of the principal of the institute for his alleged corruption, reports UNB.

The students burnt the effigy of the principal Amal Kumar Kangshabani and chanted various slogans against him. The principal denied any misuse of power or irregularities. He said a section of students failing to get illegal advantage were demonstrating against him.

Shop employee murdered

MOULVIBAZAR, Aug 18: A 7-year-old shop employee was murdered by his master at Moulvibazar town on August 7 last, reports BSS.

According to the police sources, the owner of the shop ordered the boy Shamin to buy cigarette for him. As the boy declined to do it, the shopkeeper became furious and beat him mercilessly injuring him critically. The injured boy was admitted to Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital where he died on the same day.

Education Week at BAU

MYMENSINGH, Aug 18: The National Education Week '97 began at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin auditorium of the Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) on August 9, reports BSS.

The programmes of the week sponsored by the Ministry of Education included cultural competition among the students of the university.

One killed in Naogaon road accident

NAOGAON, Aug 18: One person was killed and 15 others were injured in a bus accident last week at Gobinda village on Naogaon-Rajshahi highway under Manda thana, reports BSS.

Local people said the accident took place while the passenger bus was giving side to a pedestrian. The driver lost control of the vehicle and the bus fell into a roadside ditch.

Man killed by miscreants

KHULNA, Aug 18: A middle-aged man was killed by some miscreants at Poygram Kasba village in Fultala thana on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The victim Nizamuddin, 40, was slaughtered by a gang of armed assailants at 4.30 am. He was sleeping at the courtyard of his house. The reason behind the murder could not be known. The body was sent to Khulna Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with the police. * * *

Government of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD

Gazipur Road Division, Gazipur

RHD Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed Tender Notice in BD Form No. 2911

1. Tender Notice : 8/RDG of 1997-98.
2. Name of work : Repairing & seal coat work at depression and tyre way work Road Divider site (Superelevation portion) and repairing the damaged used for underground pipe laying (Road crossing) for laying gasline. Telephone line at diff KM 23rd (p), 24th(p), 25th(p), 26th(p), 28th(p), 29th(p) & 31st KM of Banani-Tungi-Joydebpur Road under Gazipur Road Divn during 1997-98.
3. Estimated cost : Tk 9,95,402/-
4. Earnest money : Tk 19,908/- in BD/TC/NDS certificate in favour of Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Divn, Gazipur from any scheduled bank.
5. Time allowed : 30 (Thirty) days from the date of issue of work order.
6. Eligibility of contractor : "A to D" class enlisted contractor of RHD general category.
7. Name of offices of availability of tender documents : Offices of the Ex. Engr. RHD, Road Division, Gazipur/Dhaka/Manikganj/Munshiganj/Narayanganj/Narsingdi/Planning & Design Divn, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Planning Divn. (P&B), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/SDE RHD, Road Sub-Divn., Tongi/Joydebpur.
8. Name of offices of received tender bids : Offices of the Superintendenting Engineer, RHD, Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (P&B), Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka/Planning Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Gazipur/SDE RHD, Road Sub-Divn., Tongi/Joydebpur.
9. Last date & time of selling of tender documents : 27-8-97 during office hours.
10. Last date of receipt of tender documents : Up to 12-30 PM on 28-8-97.
11. Date & time of preparing list of tender received by the respective receiving officer : At 12-45 PM on 28-8-97 (The sealed envelope shall not be opened by the respective receiving offices. Those will be opened in this office after collecting all the tender papers from all the receiving offices on 1-9-97 at 12-00 Noon).
12. Date of lottery : At 1-30 PM on 8-9-97.

Executive Engineer, RHD (C.C.)

Gazipur Road Division, Gazipur.



SYLHET: Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad speaking at a discussion meeting on Friday arranged by Sylhet district Awami League in observance of National Mourning Day.

— Star photo

National Mourning Day observed all over

By Staff Correspondent

National Mourning Day

commemorating the 22nd anniversary of assassination of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman with due respect on Friday in all the districts of the country.

Keraniganj

At Keraniganj the National Mourning Day was observed in a befitting manner.

On the occasion *milad mahfil*, *Quran khwan* feeding of the destitutes and discussion meetings have been arranged at 11 unions under Keraniganj thana.

Keraniganj thana Awami League arranged the programmes.

President of Keraniganj Awami League (AL) Mohammad Shahjahan, its general secretary Nasrul Hamid Bipu, organising secretary Obaidur Rahman Pintu, Vice-President of Dhaka district AL Alhaj Munir Hossain, central leaders of Juba League Amir Alam, Anwar Hossain, Saheen Ahmed, Nizamuddin Ahmed, Alhaj Abu Siddique, Kabul Hossain, Hajee Mustaque Hossain and Abdur Rashid took part in the programmes.

Jessore

Our Jessore Correspondent says: National Mourning Day was observed here as elsewhere in the country with due respect and solemnity.

A comprehensive programme was drawn up to mark the occasion.

Holding of *Quran khwan*, *milad*, special prayers in mosque, mandir and church, discussion meeting and distribution of food among the hapless, were the highlights of the programme.

National flag flew half-mast on government, semi-government offices and private buildings.

The convicted Altafuddin and Shamsuddin were also fined Tk 5,000 each, in default to suffer another six months RI. The court, however, seized the illegal bullets and cancelled the licence of the shop.

The prosecution story, in brief, was that police recovered the illegal bullets from their arms shop Tayebuddin and Sons at the New Market in Laldighirpar in the town on May 22 in 1996.

Later, police after investigation submitted charge-sheet against the two brothers.

After examining the witness and records Additional Sessions and Special Tribunal Judge Mohammad Shahidullah awarded the punishment on Thursday.

Afforestation

drive of Rotaract Club

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Aug 18: Faridpur Rotaract Club has taken up a year-long tree plantation programme. It was inaugurated here by the President of Faridpur Rotary Club, Md Shahidullah Islam, on August 10.

On the same day the Rotaract Club planted more than 100 saplings of different varieties at the premises of several educational institutions including AB Tutorial School, Mahakali Pathshala and Ashraful Ulum Madrasah within the town.

Muslemen evict farmers : 25 injured

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 18: At least eight female farmers were injured, two of them seriously when they were being evicted by a group of armed muslemen at Charmontaz under Galachipa thana in Patuakhali district at about 8 am in the morning.

Witnesses said, some 50 families of landless farmers were residing on the government *khasi* land for quite a long time. They were cultivating the land.

On the morning of the incident, a group of muslemen numbering 15 to 20 backed by some influential local landlords swooped on the farmers.

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Meanwhile, KDA is developing four residential areas at Mirerdanga, Ahsanabad, Rupsha and Sonadanga on over 662 acres of land. The residential areas will have 6182 plots of different sizes ranging from two kathas to five kathas. KDA will allot for the first time in the

local district unit of Mukti Joddha Sangsads, chalked out a separate programme. They held rallies as their office premises.

Jessore district Awami League committee, its youth organisations Juba League and student organisation Chhatra League, jointly brought out a procession in the towns.

In the afternoon a discussion meeting was held at Jessore Shilpakala Academy auditorium. The whip of National Parliament Prof Rafikul Islam MP, attended as the chief guest, while Deputy Commissioner, Abdul Malek Mia presided over. The discussion meeting was arranged by Jessore District Information Office.

Barisal

In Barisal Chief Whip Abul Hasanat Abdullah placed wreath at the altar of the portrait of Bangabandhu and Awami League leader and ex-minister of Bangabandhu's cabinet at the Awami Kumar Town Hall premises in the morning.

Besides, mourning procession was brought out in this town in the morning from the town hall premises which was participated by the people from all walks of life including Awami League, Juba League, Sravikrami, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, Bangabandhu Parisad, Aijibee Parisad, students, teachers and some socio-cultural organisations.

Divisional and district administration officials also placed wreaths at the altar of the great leader.

Milad mahfil, *Quran khwan*, discussion on the life and achievements of the leader and displaying of 'bazarantha' were also arranged on the occasion.

Similar programmes were chalked out to observe the day befittingly in all other districts of the country.

Government and non-government educational institu-

tions including Brojomohun University College held *milad mahfil*, discussion, prayer and tree plantation programme.

Mymensingh

In Mymensingh a large number of freedom fighters, teachers, students, officers and employees brought out a big mourning procession on the Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) campus on Friday morning.

The procession, led by the Vice-Chancellor of BAU Dr Mohammad Hossain, paraded the campus. Dr Hossain placed a wreath at the altar of the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Muktijoddha

Later, he placed a wreath on the memorial stone of mass graveyard and killing ground situated on the bank of the Brahmaputra river, two kilo-

metres away.

Manikganj

UNB reports: National Mourning Day was observed here in a befitting manner.

On the occasion, district administration took a two-day programme including *milad mahfil*, special prayers at mosques, *mandirs* and temples, discussion meeting, essay competition and cultural function. The national flag was hoisted half-mast at all educational institutions, government, semi-government and private buildings.

Awami League and its front organisation also draw special and elaborate programmes from August 11 to mark the day.

Islamic Foundation, Manikganj district office also arranged a *milad mahfil* and discussion on the occasion.

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Meherpur Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

MEHERPUR, Aug 18: One person has been awarded 14 years' rigorous imprisonment (RI) recently on charge of trafficking women and children.

Md Abdul Razzak, Meherpur District and Session Judge of Special Tribunal Court convicted Lalma on above-mentioned charge and sentenced him to suffer 14 years' RI and a fine of Taka 2,000, in default, to suffer another 2 months' RI.

The case in brief is that on August 24, 1995 Abdul Khalique, Naek Subedar of BDR 3/D company of Darlapur border outpost, receiving a secret information, conducted a search in the house of Lalma of Darlapur village. He rescued 4 women and 3 children from his house. They were kept there for trafficking to India and Pakistan. Lalma was arrested and was handed over to Meherpur police station.

A case was registered with Meherpur police station under Women and Children Repression Act. After preliminary investigation a charge sheet was submitted. The judge examined 9 witnesses and found him guilty and awarded the punishment.

Advocate Khondaker Ekramul Huq Hira conducted the case on behalf of the government, while Advocate Khan-daker Abdul Matin appeared for the accused.

Tree Fair held

A 10-day tree fair was inaugurated at Meherpur Shaheed Shamsuzzoha Park recently.

Md Shamsul Huq, Deputy Commissioner, Meherpur, inaugurated the fair as the chief guest.

Organised by Kushtia Forest Division, the function was presided over by Kartik Chandra Sarkar, Divisional Forest Officer while Khairul Alam,

ADC (General), Ujjal Bikash Dutta ADC (Revenue) and Mus-tasim Billah, Poura Chairman attended the function as special guests. Touhidul Islam, Assistant Forest Officer delivered the opening address. It was also addressed, among others, by Sababur Ahmed, Mozafer Hosain Mia. Twenty-two stalls have been opened in the fair.

Donation for press club

Mutasim Billah, Chairman, Meherpur Pourashava has announced a donation of Taka 5,000 to Meherpur Press Club. The chairman visited the Press Club recently and gave a patient hearing to the problems of the newsmen.

He announced a donation of Taka 5,000 to the Press Club from his own fund. Ruhul Kuddus Tito, president, Ashraf Ali, joint secretary, Mostifur Rahman and other members of the club were present at that time.

Dead body recovered

The dead body of Abdul Quayyum, 70, of village Chowgachha under Gangi thana was recovered recently.

Family sources said, on the fatal night one unidentified person called Abdul Quayyum from his house. But he did not come back. Then his family members conducted a search.

The next day his body was recovered from Chowgachha.

He was murdered in connection with a dispute over land property, family source said. On receiving information police