

## News snaps

### Best teacher of Faridpur selected

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Aug 23: Prof Md Taleb Ali, Principal of Government Sarada Sundari Mahila College has been adjudged the best college teacher of the district.

The selection was made by a committee formed for the celebration of National Education Week '97.

### Relief goods distributed

BANDARBAN, Aug 23: 'Shaheed Board,' a non-governmental organisation recently distributed relief materials among 1,000 flood affected families of Bandarban district town, reports BSS.

The relief materials were distributed at a function held at Bandarban Pourashava hall here. A pourashava sources said, Taka three lakh was distributed among 300 families. Besides, mosquito nets were distributed among 500 families and clothes among 200 families.

### Shaheed Flt Lt Matiur's death anniversary

JESSORE, Aug 23: The Bangladesh Air Force observed the death anniversary of Shaheed Flt Lt Matiur Rahman, Bir Shrestha on Wednesday with due solemnity, reports BSS.

On this occasion, a *mahfil-e-milad* was held at the central mosque of BAF Base Matiur Rahman here. Prayers were offered for the peace of the departed soul and also for continued peace and prosperity of the motherland. Air Officer Commanding of the local air base Air Commodore Lutfur Rahman, officers and airmen of the base attended the milad.

### Workshop on health, population project

FARIDPUR, Aug 23: A two-day workshop on 5th Health and Population Project (HAPP-5) concluded here at the auditorium of River Research Institute recently, reports UNB.

The workshop was held with a view obtaining suggestions and recommendations for improving the present condition of health sector and also to substantiate the health and population strategy. The concluding session was presided over by Deputy Commissioner A F M Abdul Huq while Joint Secretary of the Health and Family Welfare Ministry A H M Rezaul Karim attended as chief guest.

### 2 women killed by wild elephants

KHAGRACHHARI, Aug 23: Two women were killed by wild elephants Wednesday midnight at a frontier village in Ramgarh thana, reports UNB.

Police said the elephants swooped on Chandrapara village, leaving two housewives — Momena Khatun, 40, and Sahera Khatun, 50 — seriously injured. They succumbed to their injuries on way to hospital. The wild animals also left a trail of damage to thatched houses and crops. The panic-stricken villages are now passing the nights with bonfire and beating drums.

### 3 arrested in Narail

NARAIL, Aug 23: Three people, including a convicted young man, were arrested on various charges from the pourashava area and Louhagara thana recently, reports UNB.

Local Detective Police arrested Swapna, 27, convicted and sentenced to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment, in absentia, in a case of firing arms during the 1993 pourashava elections. Swapna, son of Abdur Rouf of Raghunath village of the pourashava, had been hiding since the judgement was delivered on February 28, 1994. On the same day, Shahidul Islam, 35, of Monirampur thana was arrested from Maljpara area of the pourashava for distributing leaflets with indecent and objectionable comments against Bangabandhu. Witnesses said Shahidul who was the owner of a watch shop at Ruppang bazar was beat up by local people when he was distributing the leaflets but he managed to escape from the spot. Later, police managed to nab him.

### Breastfeeding Day observed

MANIKGANJ, Aug 23: A week-long programme to observe the World Breastfeeding Week concluded here recently, reports BSS.

The programmes included discussion meeting, painting and essay competition, mothers' conference and prize giving ceremony. On the concluding day of the week a discussion meeting was held at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner. The meeting was chaired by Md Abdur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner.

### 4 miscreants arrested

CHITTAGONG, Aug 23: Police arrested four people, two of them fake journalists, in separate drives in the city on Thursday, reports UNB.

Two youngsters — S M Obaidul Alam and M Chan Mia — were nabbed as they demanded toll from the Imam of Ameerbagh Jame Mosque, introducing themselves as newsmen. They were handed over to police. Acting on a tip-off, DB police raided a restaurant at Buluadighi in Kotwali thana and arrested Abdur Rab and Shawkat along with a rifle and two bullets.

### Bridge construction work begins

TANGAIL, Aug 23: The construction of a 250-metre bridge over the river Bangshi at Hatubhanga has begun recently at an allocation of Taka 11 crore, reports BSS.

According to the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) the project is being financed jointly by the government of Bangladesh and the GTZ, a German organisation. Another bridge at Chapri under Tangail district has already been completed at a cost of Taka 60 lakh, the LGED source said.

### Timbers seized

RANGAMATI, Aug 23: Acting on a tip-off the Khagrachhari forest division has recovered illegally extracted costly timbers of about 200 cubic feet (CFT) worth about Taka two lakh from different places of the hill district of Khagrachhari, reports BSS.

The recovery was made in a day-long raid conducted by the Forest Division on August 16. According to official sources, a quantity of 155 cft of teak and 45 cft of shikora, extracted illegally from the government reserved forests, was stacked at Muslimpara, Maischhari, Golabari and a few other places in the municipality area allegedly for smuggling outside the district.

### Boy killed in road accident

SATKHIRA, Aug 23: A teenage boy was killed when a speeding truck knocked him down at Sakdah in Tala thana on Satkhira-Khulna road on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The deceased was identified as Abul Kalam, 15, son of Rashid Gazi of Sakdah. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. The truck driver fled the scene. A case was filed with Tala thana.

### Massive aus farming scheme

JESSORE, Aug 23: A total of 1,72,773 hectares of land in the country's south-western 10 districts have been brought under aus cultivation during the current season, reports UNB.

Of the land, some 38,582 hectares have been brought under high yielding variety and 1,39,091 hectares under local variety. The districts are: Jessore, Magura, Jhenidah, Narail, Khulna, Bagerhat, Satkhira, Kushtia, Chuadanga and Meherpur. Agriculture Extension Department has set up several demonstration plots to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of cultivation.

### Need for female edn underscored

BAGERHAT, Aug 23: State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukdar Abdul Khaleque recently said that the nation could not march ahead without educating the women, reports BSS.

Educated women can help solve problems of their families and societies besides making them self-dependent, he said. Addressing girl students of Kadirkhola High School at Ramphal thana headquarters the state minister said facilities for female education has been expanded and as such they should take the opportunity to educate themselves.

### Roads to be developed in Sylhet

DHARMAPASHA (Sunamganj), Aug 23: Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad has said the present government will take up coordinated road construction projects in the haor areas of greater Sylhet district for development of the communication sector, reports BSS.

He said the government was attaching utmost importance to the development of rural infrastructures to improve the quality of life in the villages. The foreign minister was speaking at a public meeting here at the Shaheed Minar ground recently.

### Move to boost garlic production

JHENIDAH, Aug 23: About 2500 metric tons of garlic will be produced in six thanas of the district during this season, reports BSS.

Official sources said, during this season in all 2000 hectares of land will be brought under garlic cultivation in the district. BADC and Agriculture Extension Department supplied necessary agricultural inputs to the farmers to boost the production.



PABNA: Flood water has submerged Bera thana in the district. Sharp rise in water level of the river Jamuna has caused the flood. — Star photo

## Padma erosion renders 1,000 families homeless in Faridpur

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Aug 23: Erosion of the river Padma has taken a serious turn here rendering more than 1000 families homeless in three unions — Char Harirampur, Char Ghawkanda and Char Bhadrason under Char Bhadrason thana recently.

When contacted Moazzem Hossain Mridha, UP chairman of Char Ghawkanda told this

correspondent that 250 families at three villages — Shalepur, Kalyanpur and Gopalpur under Char Ghawkanda union have been rendered homeless. A vast tract of land with standing crops sank into the river Padma.

The chairman also said that two government primary schools and union parishad office of Char Ghawkanda have

been threatened by the erosion. A total of 255 families of Harirampur union and a vast area of land with standing crops inundated into the river Padma.

A total of 500 families of Char Bhadrason union were rendered homeless. Their hearth and home were devoured by the Padma. Besides, tubewells of the affected areas were washed away causing acute scarcity of drinking water in the area.

The erosion affected families had taken shelter on the embankments and different villages under Sadarpur thana in Faridpur district and Dohar thana in Dhaka district. The erosion victims alleged that no relief either from official or from unofficial sources reached the affected villages.

### 1500 more satellite schools to be set up

RAJSHAHI, Aug 23: The government will set up about 1,500 new satellite schools this year across the country, reports BSS.

The schools will open in January next, said Deputy Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Zinatunnesa Talukdar recently. She was addressing a function at Rajshahi University auditorium organised to mark the National Education Week.

Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi University Prof Abdul Khaleque, Dr Golam Murshid, Prof Hasan Azizul Haque, and Dr Shishir Bhattacharya also spoke.

## New body of RU Taposee Rabeya Hall unit of JCD

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 23: The annual council of Jatiyatabadi Chattral Dal (JCD), Taposee Rabeya Hall Unit of Rajshahi University was held recently with Shaheena Akther Belkis (Rita) in the chair.

Motdur Rahman Montu, JCD central Vice president was the chief guest. Speakers at the council urged all female activists of JCD to be vocal against all kinds of discrimination and repression on woman folk.

Mustafizur Rahman Munnu, Mahbubul Alam Farhad, Taiful Islam Tipu, Farzana Rashid (Laboni) and Dilruba Parveen Beauty, among others, spoke on the council. A 51-member committee was formed with Farzana Zevin Nilu and Munnuj Etee as president and general secretary of JCD, Taposee Rabeya Hall unit following the council.

## Mourning Day in N'ganj

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 23: The people of Narayanganj observed the National Mourning Day with the respect and solemnity on August 15.

Local administration various political, students and socio-cultural organisations chalked out befitting programmes to mark the day.

The programmes included wearing of black badges, hoisting of national flag, it half-mast on all public and private buildings and educational institutions, garlanding the portrait of Bangabandhu at Chashara Victory Stand, holding of rallies.

## Meherpur Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

MEHERPUR, Aug 23: A prize giving ceremony on the occasion of collection of revenue was held at the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner (DC), Meherpur recently.

The highest revenue collectors called Tahasildars and Assistant Tahasildars were awarded prizes and certificates of recognition.

The function was presided over the Md Shamsul Huq, Deputy Commissioner, Meherpur. It was attended by Ujjal Bikash Dutta, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) and Asadul Huq, Sadar TNO, Md Azizul Huq Gangni, TNO, Ashrafal Huq KDC and other concerned officials.

A Z M Farid Hossain, Tahasildar of Kutuhpur Union, Azizul Azim, Tahasildar of Dhankhola Union of Gangni thana and Ansar Ali, Tahasildar of Kaziupur Union under Gangni thana were given first, second and third prizes respectively.

Besides, consolation prizes were also given to Badruzzaman, Ramjan Ali, Fazlur Rahman and Tofazzel Hossain, all Assistant Tahasildars.

### Best edn instts announced

Names of best educational institutions and best teachers of Meherpur sadar thana have been announced on the occasion of National Education Week 1997. Md Serajul Islam, Assistant Teacher of Meherpur Government Boys' High School has adjudged the best secondary teacher. Hafez Md Nisaruddin of Dapari Madrasa has adjudged as the best madrasa teacher and Golam Moula Baksh, Principal of Meherpur Government Women's College has adjudged as the best college teacher. Names of the best institutions are: Jadukhali Boys' High School, Meherpur Government Girls' High School, Maniknagar Madrasa and Meherpur Government College.

### Training for UP chairman

Three-day salish training programme for the chairmen and members of Union Parishad of Meherpur district concluded here recently at the auditorium of Meherpur Zilla Shishu Academy.

Meherpur Palashipara Samaj Kallayan Samity organised the training programme. The concluding session was presided over by Golam Mostafa, Chairman of Amjhupi Union Parishad. It was addressed, among others, by Md Amirul Islam, Chairman of Baguan Union Parishad and Saiful Islam, Coordinator of Paleshipara Samaj Kallayan Samity.

### New bldg of REB Employees' Assoc

The new office building of Meherpur Rural Electrification Board Employees Welfare Association was inaugurated recently. A discussion meeting was held on the occasion.

Sahabaz Ali, president of the association presided over the meeting and Jahangir Hossain, organizing secretary of the samity placed the annual report. The meeting was addressed, among others, by Abdul Aziz, Mdoteb Hossain, Ayub Ali, Mohiuddin, Rawan Ara Khatun and Mahfuza Khatun.

### Information Officers' meeting held

A meeting of the District Information Officers of 10 districts of Khulna division was held at the Zilla Information Office of Meherpur recently.

The meeting was arranged for reviewing the achievement of three-month activities of mass contact campaign.

Md Rafiqul Islam Choudhury, Deputy Director of Khulna Division (Information) presided over the meeting while Abdul Awal Hawladar, Director (Information) of Mass Contact Directorate attend the function as chief guest. Md Shamsul Huq, Deputy Commissioner of Meherpur also attended the meeting.

### Threat on life of complainant

Haji Md Abdul Kader, a complainant of a GR Case of Gangni police station is passing the days under constant threat from the accused persons. He is apprehending attack any time by the alleged culprits. Family sources said, on December 21, 1996 some 25 armed terrorists led by Mohammad Ali entered into the house of Abdul Kader and looted valuables worth about Taka 70,000. When Abdul Kader resisted the attackers he was severely injured with sharp weapons. After the incident he filed a case with Gangni police station. Now the accused persons have been threatening of his life and giving pressure to withdraw the case. Abdul Kader has appealed to the law enforcing authority to save him from the hands of terrorists.



NARAYANGANJ: A mourning procession parading the port town streets on the occasion of National Mourning Day on August 15. — Star photo

## Shifting of Rajshahi Rly Zonal Office protested

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 23: Hundreds of people staged a dawn-to-dusk sit-in demonstration in front of the head office of Bangladesh Railway western zone on Thursday.

Committee for Protection of Interests of Rajshahi and Railway Sramik-Karmachari Oikya Parishad jointly enforced the programme.

They were protesting withdrawal of the office of General Manager and closure of Western zone office from Railway.

All activities were stopped in the Western zone Railway Head Office for the whole day.

Fazle Hossain Badsha, Abdul Matin Khan, Shahid Ahmed Badal, Saidur Rahman Shahin

and others addressed a rally following the sit-in demonstration.

A five-day programme of movement has been launched from Aug 22. The programmes include rallies, processions, mass hunger strike and rail blockade.

Meanwhile, the central organising secretary of BNP and Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mijanur Rahman Minu in a press conference on Thursday evening at a hotel in the city protested the withdrawal of Railway western zone head office from Rajshahi. He announced dawn-to-dusk hartal on Sept 8 to protest the withdrawal.

## Youth gunned down in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Aug 23: One young person was gunned down by armed miscreants on August 19 night.

The victim, Bikul, is the son of Md Idris of village Santidanga under sadar thana. He went to his brother-in-law's house at Barupara on August 19. Some armed miscreants called him from that house at 9 pm on the fateful day and took him near Nittenpara Government Primary School and shot him to death.

The victim was a member of JSD. On hearing the news, the victim's auntie Sukjan Nessa, 55, and cousin Rubina, 27, were going to see his dead body by a rickshaw van. But it was hit by a speeding truck on Kushtia-Jhenidah road near Santidanga. As a result, they sustained serious injuries. They were rushed to Kushtia General Hospital where Sukjan Nessa succumbed to her injuries. Rubina was admitted to Kushtia General Hospital where her conditions was stated to be critical. She remained unconscious till writing of this report.

## Teachers' shortage in Pabna Edward College

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Aug 23: A total of posts of teachers, including four posts of professors have been lying vacant for a long time in Pabna Government Edward University College.

It has caused minimise problems for the students and college authorities. The students are frequently agitating to fill up teachers' shortage.

According to the principal, three posts of teacher have been lying vacant in the Department of Bengali five posts in the Department of English, three posts each in the Departments of Chemistry, Accountancy and General History, one each in the Departments of Philosophy, Sociology, Arabic and Islamiat, Economics and Mathematics, too each in the departments of Islamic History, Management and Zoology. Moreover four posts of teachers have been lying vacant in the department of Physics.

Besides, the posts of Librarian and Physical Instructor are also vacant for a long time.



## Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha, Dhaka Tender Notice

No.1/97-98

Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are invited from the contractors of the following categories for the undermentioned works. Tenders will be received by the Member (Finance)/Member (Dev)/Member (Admn & Land)/Member (Planning)/Member (Estate)/Chief Engineer/Superintending Engineer/Executive Engineer (Design)/Executive Engineer (Central Dhaka)/Executive Engineer (South Dhaka) up to 12.00 Noon of the date of receiving the tender mentioned against the work and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenders who may like to remain present. Other necessary informations may be obtained from the office of the tender receiving officers during office hours.

Sl No.	Name of work	Estimated amount	Earnest money	Place of availability of tender paper	Date of receiving tender	Time for completion of work	Eligibility for submitting tender
1	Repairing of Bull Dozer No. 1. (LW-16 R Machine 471 GM Diesel Engine) supply and installation of spare parts).	Tk. 11,65,912/90	Tk. 24,000/-	EE/D EE/E&M EE/SD EE/ND. Cashier, RAJUK. Manager, Sonali/Janata/ Agrani Bank. Rajuk Bhaban Branch.	3/9/97	60 days	1st class enlisted (E&M) contractors of RAJUK and bonafide firms for similar type of works.
2	Repairing of German Tyre dozer No-02 (model-D 66 D Henomag) (Re-tender).	Rate to be quoted	2% of quoted amount	-Do-	-Do-	60 days	-Do-
3	Repairing of Road Roller No. 16 (8 to 10 tons capacity) (Re-tender).	Tk. 2,46,866/=	Tk. 5,000/-	-Do-	-Do-	30 days	1st and 2nd class enlisted (E&M) contractors of RAJUK and bonafide firms for similar type of works.
4	Supplying and installation of direct projector and document feeder for Town Planning Section of RAJUK.	Tk. 1,32,500/-	Tk. 3,000/-	EE/D EE/E&M EE/SD EE/ND. Cashier, RAJUK. Manager, Sonali/Janata/ Agrani Bank, RAJUK Bhaban Branch.	-Do-	30 days	1st and 2nd class enlisted (E&M) contractors of RAJUK and bonafide firms for similar type of works.
5	Repairing of road cut by PDB, Titas Gas, DESA and different industrialists at Shampur-Kadamtali Industrial Area.	Tk. 7,60,867/10	Tk. 15,500/-	EE/D EE/SD EE/ND. Cashier RAJUK, Manager, Sonali/Janata/ Agrani Bank, RAJUK Bhaban Branch.	-Do-	30 days	All class enlisted (Civil) contractors of RAJUK.
6	Const of in-complete portion of Parthapath linkroad west.	Tk. 1,48,542/49	Tk. 3,000/-	EE/D EE/CD EE/SD EE/ND. Cashier, RAJUK. Manager, Sonali/Janata/ Agrani Bank, RAJUK Bhaban Branch.	-Do-	30 days	-Do-
7	Constn of in-complete roads for connection with service roads in Sector No. 4 at UMT.	Tk. 2,58,891/72	Tk. 5,500/-	EE/D EE/ND EE/SD Cashier, RAJUK, Manager, Sonali/Janata/ Agrani Bank, RAJUK Bhaban Branch.	-Do-	30 days	-Do-

Tender schedule may be obtained from the office of the tender supplying officers and managers of concerned banks mentioned in Col. 5 on payment of Tk. 750/- (Tk seven hundred fifty) per set of work in Sl No. 1 and Tk. 400/- (Tk. four hundred) per set of works in Sl. Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 to the Cashier, RAJUK, Manager, Sonali/Janata/ Agrani Bank, Rajuk Bhaban Branch, Dhaka (non-refundable) on all working days up to 1.00 PM showing the renewal of enlistment for the financial year 1996-97. No tender paper will be sold after 1/9/97.

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