

News snaps

One killed in Jessore road accident

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Sept 12: One person was killed and 15 others injured in a road accident on Jessore Chowgacha road near Nimtola under Fulshara union of Chowgacha thana in the district recently.

The victim was identified as Tikka Khan, 28. He was the helper of the bus. The injured persons are: Chand Ali, 40, Mir Hossain, 35, Pagol, 34, Jhantu, 28, were admitted to Jessore General Hospital in critical condition.

Abdul Hal, 55, Roushan, 38, Alamin, 30, Moina, 16, Montaj, 12, Bazur Rahman, 20, Milan, 12, and Dilip, 30, were admitted to Chowgacha Thana Health Complex.

20,30,885 voters yet to get ID cards

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 12: Voters of 38 thanas of six districts under Barisal division are yet to get their voters identity (ID) card.

According to official sources, as the ID card issue project has remained incomplete, 20,30,885 voters are yet to get their ID cards in six southern districts. During 1995-96 financial year 14,81,679 out of 35,12,564 voters in total were issued ID cards, it is learnt. Official sources said, up to 30th June last 3,27,583 out of 10,15,837 voters in Barisal, 3,72,406 out of 6,68,284 voters in Bhola, 3,64,000 out of 6,43,088 voters in Patuakhali, 1,92,005 out of 2,82,454 voters in Jhalakathi, 1,50,185 out of 3,95,961 voters in Barguna and 75,500 voters out of 5,6,140 voters in Pirojpur district under Barisal division voters were already issued ID cards. In some districts, photographs of voters were taken earlier, but their ID cards have not been issued so far.

Body recovered

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Sept 12: Daulatpur thana police recovered the body of PDB employee Abdul Aziz who was mysteriously found dead on the rail line at Pabla recently.

Report of autopsy of the body conducted earlier but is yet to be known. Police believe, he had been killed as his body bears some deep scar marks.

Flash flood in Satkhira

SATKHIRA, Sept 12: A flash flood caused extensive damage to shrimps enclosures, thatched houses and standing Aman crops in four thanas of the district on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The flood caused by heavy downpour, inundated a number of shrimp enclosures, some 900 dwellings and Aman crops on 12,000 acres of land in the these thanas. The worst-hit unions are Kesra and Magura in Tala, Balli, Jhaundanga and Lasmidari in Sadar, Gopinathpur in Kalaroa, Bhurulia in Shymnagar and Moutala in Kaliganj. The affected people urged the authority concerned to provide them with necessary relief materials.

Father hands over son to police

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Sept 12: Father handed over his son to police on charge of terrorist activities at village Bujruk Pakuria under Sadullapur Thana on September.

According to police source, the accused Mizanur Rahman, son of Aminur Rahman of the said village on July 29, 1996 allegedly killed his only daughter by drowning in nearby pond. His wife Rupali Begum filed a case against the husband on charge of killing daughter and demanding dowry. Since filing of case the accused remain at large for a long time and later released on bail recently. On September 2, the accused demanded Tk. 10,000 from his father and proposed for a second marriage. But he refused all his proposals. Then the accused became furious and started ransacking the household articles. Local people, however, caught him. Meanwhile his father filed another case with Sadullapur thana and handed over to police.

Tk 1 cr bazar development project

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Sept 12: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has been implementing development projects in four hats and bazars in the district, official sources said.

LGED has been implementing the projects worth Taka one crore in Radhanagar, Bunagati, Nollata and Shatrijpur hats of the district, with the assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB) under Rural Development Project 'B'. The projects included construction of sheds for sellers, roads, drainage system, public latrines and installation of tube wells in these hats.

Rivals clash leaves one dead

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Sept 12: One person was killed and five others were injured in a clash between two rival groups of Pasher Gathi village under Maksudpur thana in Gopalganj district, police sources said.

The incident occurred on August 29. According to Maksudpur thana, a dispute over land ensued between Abdul Wahab and Karimuddin for long time. Abdul Wahab and his followers attacked the residence of one Karimuddin for possession of the dispute land beside Karimuddin's residence. As a result Mokter Ali, 40, son of Karimuddin died on the spot. Two of them admitted to Faridpur general hospital in critical condition. A case has been registered with Maksudpur PS in this connection.

BNP founding anniversary observed

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Sept 12: The 19th founding anniversary of the BNP was observed here in a befitting manner through out the district.

Local BNP and its front organisations chalked out different programmes to mark the occasion. A discussion meeting under the auspices of the local BNP unit was held here at Shaheed Alauddin Square with Abdul Jalil in the chair. Advocate Monsur Ali, Kamrul Islam, Enamul Islam, Abdullah Sarkar, Abdul Khaleque and others spoke on the occasion.

One killed in rivals' clash

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Sept 12: One person was killed and 15 others injured in a clash between two rival groups over possession of a plot of land at village Pashargati under Maksudpur thana recently.

Of the injured, four were admitted to Faridpur Medical College Hospital in critical condition where Muktu, 35, succumbed to his injuries. Other three admitted persons are Mayin, 30, Chin Khan, 50, and Alimuzzaman Azam, 50. The rest 12 injured persons were admitted to Maksudpur hospital. A case was lodged with Maksudpur thana in this connection.

4 hurt in clash over jute harvesting

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 12: Four persons were injured when a clash ensued between father-in-law and son-in-law at village Ranjitpur under sadar thana. The clash ensued in connection with harvesting jute. The clash continued for two days on August 19 and 20, local sources said. The injured are: Md. Sarezuiddin Mondol and Darshesh Mondol from father-in-law's side and Md Daud Ali and son-in-law Md Nazrul Islam. They have been admitted in Kushtia General Hospital in a critical condition.

Body exhumed

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 12: Tknaf police on Wednesday exhumed the body of a man, 12 days after his burial following a complaint that he was beaten to death, reports UNB.

According to the complaint, the victim Zafar Alam, 27, died when some influential persons of village Mundar Dail beat him for his alleged involvement in stealing some betel-nuts on August 20. Police exhumed the body in presence of Magistrate Dipak Chakrabarti and sent it to morgue for autopsy.

Strike in educational instts

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 12: A strike called by local Chhatra Sangram Parishad was observed in all educational institutions of the district recently, reports UNB.

The strike was called protesting cancellation of examinations of some 18,000 HSC examinees by the Rajshahi Education Board. The board recently cancelled the examinations of those students as they reportedly appeared at the examinations this year without showing original SSC marksheets. The board, however, issued admit cards to the students and accordingly they appeared at their examinations.

BCP leader shot dead

BHERAMARA, Sept 12: One person was shot dead in a broad daylight at Harinarayanpur bazar under Kushtia sadar thana on Wednesday, reports BSS.

The victim, Shyamal Kumar, 25, was a leader of Biplobi Communist Party (BCP), police said. When he was sitting in a tea stall, a gang of armed miscreants came there and shot at him. He died on the spot. The body of the victim was sent to Kushtia Sadar Hospital for autopsy. A case was filed in Kushtia Police Station in this connection. None was arrested so far.



PABNA: River erosion victims of Bera thana in the district have built temporary sheds on the local embankment for shelter recently. They are passing their days in great hardship. — Star photo

Anti-terrorism body formed at Feni

FENI, Sept 12: The newly formed Terrorism Resistance Committee will hold an anti-terrorism demonstration in the town on Thursday, reports UNB.

The committee was formed at a joint-meeting of politicians and professional groups at the district lawyers' association bhavan.

Advocate Abul Kashem was made convener of the committee while pourasava chairman Kobbad Ahmed and businessman Abul Khayer are joint convenors.

The meeting, organised by Feni District Lawyers' Association, also expressed concern over the growing violence in the district and pressed for removal of the DC and SP for their alleged 'failure' in maintaining law and order.

One gets 20 yrs RI for keeping arms in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Sept 12: The additional district and Sessions Judge (Arms and Explosives), Mohammad Golam Mertoza, sentenced one Mamtazur Rahman to 20 years rigorous imprisonment on charge of possessing illegal arms and ammunition, reports BSS.

The case in brief is that Kotwali police arrested Mamtazur Rahman from Cinema Palace, here on July 8, 1992 and recovered one country-made gun, 87 bullets of 303 rifles and 15 chargers from his possession.

Police filed a case against Mamtazur Rahman. He was found guilty and sentenced to suffer 20 years' rigorous imprisonment.

Assistant public prosecutors — advocates Mohammad Abul Hashem, Bhupal Chandra Chowdhury and Ranjit Chandra Devanath — appeared on behalf of the state while Advocate Badul Alam and Abul Bashir appeared on behalf of the accused.

Shailakupa AL leader shot dead

JHENIDAH, Sept 12: A local leader of ruling Awami League was gunned down by unidentified assailants in Shailakupa thana recently reports UNB.

Police said Azizur Rahman, 35, of Piragati village, was shot dead at about 8 pm while he was taking tea at Joybanga Bazar in Nittanandapur.

Rahman, general secretary of Nittanandapur union unit of Awami League, was hit by bullets in his head and chest.

Protesting the killing, Awami League and its front organisations brought out processions in the thana and the district headquarters, chanting anti-BNP slogans.

Natore DC, 4 others sued

NATORE, Sept 12: Deputy Commissioner of Natore and four other officials have been sued for their involvement in the process of handing over vested property to private ownership.

A total of 28 acres of land (CS No. 204) and (RS No. 151) was recorded in favour of Maharaja Jagadindra Nath Roy Bahadur.

Joy Kali Temple, Shih temple and Joy Kali Dighi are situated on the above land. Joy Kali Dighi was reserved for worship of goddess in various religious festivals of Hindu community in 1952.

The then Pakistan government took the responsibility of maintenance and operation of the vested property through a gazette notification.

The district administration officials and local revenue officials in connivance with local influential men have been processing the handing over of the property to individual persons, the allegation said.

General Secretary of Joy Kalibari maintenance and operation committee Bijou Bihari Chowdhury accused the DC, Natore M Ishaq Bhuiyan and four other revenue officials for hatching a conspiracy to hand over the vested property to private ownership in exchange for a big sum of money. He filed the case on August 26.

He argued in his allegation, as the government is not the owner of the property, it can not proceed to hand over the property to private ownership.

Barisal yet to be declared a city corporation

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 12: When Barisal, a divisional head quarter will be declared as a city corporation?

This question has been raised by the people of Barisal as well as other districts of Patuakhali, Bhola, Jhalakathi, Barguna and Pirojpur under the division.

Since declaration of division on 1st January 1993, nearly a crore people of these six southern districts under Barisal division were eagerly waiting for declaration of

From Staff Correspondent

Barisal as a City Corporation. But till now nothing has been done yet. Though Awami League leaders during election campaign promised to Barisal into a city corporation.

Even a bridge on Doarika-Shikarpur road is yet to be constructed despite several promises made by various political leaders.

Sylhet will become a city corporation within a very short time, it was declared by Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury in a meeting held in Sylhet pourasava auditorium recently.

The allocation for the construction of Doarika-Shikarpur bridge so far has been spent for the construction of the Tambil road in Sylhet, it has been widely alleged.

Once in 1995, during BNP regime, Abdus Salam Talukdar, the then Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives assured to uplift Barisal pourasava into a city corporation and as his assurance necessary data and information were sent to the respective ministry by the then deputy commissioner of Barisal. But it could yield no tangible result.

Road mishaps claim 14 in Rajshahi in August

RAJSHAHI, Sept 12: Fourteen people were killed and 48 others injured in road accidents in the city and its adjoining areas during the month of August, reports UNB.

Traffic officials here attributed to rising trend of mishaps to unfit vehicles, over loading, reckless driving and driving by unskilled drivers. Most of the drivers even have no licence.



CHANDPUR: A cultural function was arranged recently by Chandpur Ankur Kachi Kanchar Mela on the occasion of its 40th founding anniversary. — Star photo

Bagha Jatin: A revolutionary who trembled British rule in India

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 12: The patriots who sacrificed their lives for independence of our motherland from British rule. Jatindra Nath Mukhopadhyaya alias Bagha Jatin is one of them. He was killed in a gun-battle between revolutionaries and British Forces on September 10 in 1915.

To free our motherland from British rule Surja Sen, Master Alimuddin and Bagha Jatin fought bravely. Independence loving people became united under the leadership of Bagha Jatin.

Bagha Jatin was born at village Rishkhali under Hari-nakund thana in Jhenidah district in 1880. But there is controversy over his date of birth. Some say Bagha Jatin was born at his mother's paternal house at village Koya under Kumarkhali thana in Kushtia district in 1879.

However, Jatin's father Umesh Chandra Mukhopadhyaya died when Jatin was only five years old. Then Jatin and his mother Sharat Shashi Devi left Rishkhali village. They went to Krishnanagar in India. He studied and passed the Entrance examination from Krishnanagar AD School in 1898. His uncle Basanta Kumar lived there. Afterwards Jatin came to Calcutta and admitted in Central Law College. Jatin was trained in type writing and shorthand. After completion of studies he did many jobs and ultimately he became the government stenographer of Chief Secretary of Bengal Government.

About the title of Bagha Jatin, there is a legend. Jatin was very brave and courageous. Once when Jatin was living at his uncle's house at village Koya in Kushtia suddenly a tiger coming from a nearby jungle attacked him. Jatin, finding no other alternative began to fight

with the tiger and after a fierce fighting he was able to kill the tiger though he sustained severe injuries in his hands and legs. When he was able to kill the tiger, he had been renamed as Bagha Jatin by the local people.

Sharat Shashi Devi's brother maintained a close contact with anti-British movement leader Barister Nimal Chatterjee, a one of Jatin's uncle's friend. He was a revolutionary and a member of Azad Hind Force led by Subhash Bose.

Once Jatin was arrested by British police for his involvement in anti-British movement. He was awarded one year jail term. Then Jatin was discharged from his service. At that time independence movement was getting momentum. Many secret revolutionary organisations emerged. Jatin and Arabindu Ghose were among the pioneers. In 1905 a terrorist group was formed with the initiative of Master Alim Uddin, Hem Chandra Ghosh and Pratham Chowdhury. The group was known as Bengal Volunteers. The organisation was a terror to the British rulers. Bagha Jatin was wanted by police on many occasions. He moved from Kumarkhali, Khoksha, Harinarayanpur, Gosai Durgapur to Rishkhali in Kushtia, Jhenidah and Jessore districts. He formed a secret organisation in remote areas. It was established in a jungle near Keshab Chandra College in Jhenidah town where Jatin used to meet his followers in 1906 when the construction work of Cassle bridge was started. Bagha in the guise of contractor organised young people towards independence movement. At one stage, British rulers came to know about the activities of Bagha. Then he fled to Calcutta. The first World War started

On May 29 last when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stopped over here at the Barisal Airport on way to Bhola and Monpara to see herself the storm ravaged areas there, some local Awami League leaders told her about the demand of the people of this region. Sheikh Hasina in reply expressed her desire to materialise the demands of the people of this region as early as possible. But it is still yet to be materialised.

Massive aman farming target in Rangpur

RANGPUR, Sept 12: Aman paddy was cultivated on 3,75,440 acres of land in the district surpassing its target set for the current season, reports UNB.

Some 3.04 lakh metric tons of aman paddy are expected to be produced on the land. Earlier, the Agriculture Extension Department had fixed a target to produce 2.76 lakh metric tons of aman paddy on 3,40,860 acres of land.

Kushtia Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 12: A total of 3 crore people of 21 districts including Kushtia district in the southwestern region have been experiencing severe loadshedding for the last few weeks.

The districts are 10 in Khulna division, 6 in Barisal division and 5 in Faridpur region. Power Development Board (PDB) officials said that due to fault in East-West inter connector line faults have been developed and as a result that line has been stopped resulting heavy shortfall in electricity in the districts. On last Friday, 30 megawatt from the inter-connector and 125 megawatt were supplied in 21 districts locally in place of 340 megawatt demand.

PDB officials, however, said that work has been going on to repair the fault. In Meherpur all sections of people held a public meeting demanding electricity. The meeting bitterly criticised the government for its failure in supplying electricity to the consumers smoothly.

Three commit suicide
Two women committed suicide by taking poison on August 28.

Family sources said, Jarina Khatun, 35, and Mala Begum took poison to commit suicide and later admitted in Khoksa Health Complex where they died.

Police sent the bodies to Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy. Two separate unnatural death (UD) cases have been registered with Khoksa police station.

Causes of their suicide were stated to be family feud.

Meanwhile, Anarul, 20, son of Chunu Biswas of village Khadempur under Mirpur thana committed suicide by taking poison when he could not bear the pain in his belly. Immediately after taking poison he was sent to Kushtia General Hospital, but here he died. An unnatural death (UD) case has been registered with Mirpur police station in this connection. Postmortem of the body was done.

Janmastami observed
Janmastami, birth day of god Sree Krishna, a festival of the Hindu community was observed in Kushtia and other thana headquarters with due solemnity recently.

A colourful procession was brought out from Gopinath Zior temple and paraded the main streets of the town.

A large number of people of the Hindu community participated in the procession. Bangladesh Puja Uddapan Parishad, Kushtia branch chalked out two-day elaborate programme on the occasion. Similar programmes were also observed in Bheramara, Khoksa and Kumarkhali thanas.

30 BCL activists join Chhatra Samaj
About 30 Chhatra League Leaders and workers from Jhondia union and Dahakola have joined Jatiya Chhatra Samaj recently.

On this occasion a function was arranged at the premises of Kushtia Government University College on Thursday last.

The function presided over by Babul Akhtar, Literary Secretary of Jatiya Chhatra Samaj, Kushtia Zilla branch attended. Sumon Ashraf acting president of Jatiya Chhatra Samaj, Kushtia Zilla branch was present as chief guest. Shaif Ahmed Hittu, General Secretary and Shariful Islam, Organizing Secretary were special guests.

Among those who joined Chhatra Samaj are: Nurun Nabi Gama, Rezaul Karim Tutul, Abu

Bakkar Siddique, Rezaul Biswas, Jafur Ahmed, Maniur Liton, Anwar, Arun Kumar and Liakat Ali. They expressed their full confidence in the ideal of Chhatra Samaj and reiterated their determination to strengthen the hands of ex-President Hussain Mohammed Ershad.

Younger brother kills elder brother
The elder brother was murdered by his younger brother on August 28.

This incident happened in village Sonaidanga under Ujanagar union of sadar thana. Family sources said, Hur Ali, younger son of Mahabuddin hit his elder brother Belal, 27, on his head with a stick. He was seriously wounded. He was rushed to Kushtia General Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

A case has been registered with Kushtia Police Station in this connection. Police has ordered postmortem of the body. Killer younger brother has been absconding.

Lack of coordination Doctors face a tough time at Sylhet Medical College Hospital

SYLHET, Sept 12: Doctors at the Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital are facing a tough time due to lack of coordination between the college and hospital authorities, reports UNB.

The 500-bed hospital, already grappled with inadequate manpower and logistic support, has been at odd with the lack of coordination of work between the two authorities.

Doctors and nurses are simply unable to cope with the pressure as over 100 additional patients take admission to the hospital every day.

As a result, untoward incidents take place in the hospital frequently over the common allegation that proper attention are not given to the patients. The patients also ac-

cuse the nurses and employees of misbehaving with them.

Outdoor patients were said to be the worst sufferers. The patients, arriving from remote areas of the district, have to go back without treatment.

A doctor, who preferred anonymity, said logistic support to the hospital are too inadequate to meet the demand. He said the Orthopedics department has even lapped in plaster of Paris. The Cardiology department has no cardiac monitor while the X-ray machines in the Radiology department have become obsolete and the Cobalt machine brought from abroad to detect cancer still remained unused.

Scarcity of safe drinking water is another problem of the hospital as its tubewells remain out of order maximum time.

Rampant stealing of boundary pillars

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Sept 12: Boundary determining pillars of three 'mouzas' in the district have been stolen with a couple of days, land surveyors said.

The 'mouzas' are: Shree Dharpur, Durgabhadurpur and Kamardiy (B) under Harishpur Union Parishad (UP) under sadar thana in the district.

King Birendranath Roy Bahadur possessed these mouzas. In 1831-32, the then British ruler set up these pillars for easy determination of the boundaries. But after a

span of over one and a half century, all on a sudden, a rumour spread here that a kind of rare and valuable metal was attached with the pillars.

However, there is no competent source available in the district for details about the pillars.

The land surveyors said that no boundary pillars of British age had been found during recent survey. Even in many cases, the local pillars have also been stolen mistakenly, they said.



SHERPUR: Local district administration brought out a colourful rally on the occasion of International Literacy Day here recently. The rally was led by Deputy Commissioner and Police Super, Sherpur.