

News snaps

Carmichael College hostel work completed
RANGPUR, Sept 16: The construction work of the 200-seat female hostel of the Carmichael University College has been completed at a cost of Taka one crore and 84 lakh, reports BSS. The newly-constructed hostel bhaban has 48 rooms with modern amenities and health care services. The Facilities Department conducted the construction work of the hostel. It will shortly be inaugurated, a source of the college authority told.

Girl commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Sept 16: One young girl committed suicide by taking poison at village Ferrampur under sadar thana here on Saturday. The victim Salma Begum, 17, daughter of Abdul Awal swallowed poison at his bed room. Later she was rushed to the local health centre where attending doctors declared her death. The reason of her suicide could not be ascertained. An unnatural death (UD) case has been registered with sadar thana police in this connection.

Rival students clash leaves 2 hurt

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Sept 16: Terrorist activities took place in Kushtia Government University College campus on Saturday. Chase and counter-chase between two rival student groups continued. It ended in a clash injuring two. Later the office of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was set on fire. The injured were identified as Pulak and Ranjan. Fire brigade rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control. The clash spread in the neighbouring areas. Police, however, brought the situation under control.

7 AL activists sent to jail

SYLHET, Sept 16: Seven accused of a case, filed following a clash between two factions of Awami League at Balaganj thana, were sent to jail here after rejection of their bail petitions on Thursday, reports UNB. The accused are former chairman of Goolabazar union Mahmud Ali and his two sons — Abdus Salam and Abdul Kalam, Mishkat Ali, Mojibur Rahman, Mohor Ali and Jamal Miah. BCL leader Atiqur Rahman Lebu filed the case against nine people in connection with foiling a meeting at Goolabazar of the thana, organised to accord reception to him on August 20. The meeting was foiled following a clash between the two factions of AL.

Mosquito menace in Kurigram

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Sept 16: Mosquito menace has assumed an alarming proportion causing untold sufferings to the town-dwellers and exposing health hazards. Mosquitoes bite even in day time and the poor people who have no means to purchase mosquito nets pass sleepless nights. It has become impossible to work smoothly because of the biting of this tiny insect. Normal work at offices, business establishments, schools, colleges and hospitals are also being hampered. Mosquito menace has altogether paralysed the civic life of the people.

Furniture to be supplied to 8 pry schools

TANGAIL, Sept 16: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) has taken a programme to supply furniture to eight government primary schools and to reconstruct a registered non-government primary school at a cost of Taka 10,75,248 in Gopalpur thana of the district in this fiscal year, reports BSS. According to official sources, furniture worth Taka 59,981 will be provided to each of the eight government schools under this programme. The Karti Pakhia registered non-government primary school will be reconstructed at a cost of Taka 5,95,500. The supply of furniture will be completed by one and a half months, while the reconstruction work is expected to be completed within three months.

ASA opens unit office at Baherchar

PATUAKHALI, Sept 16: Association for Social Advancement (ASA), a non-government organisation (NGO) dealing with micro-credit, opened its unit office at Baherchar in Galachipa thana of the district on September 4, reports BSS. The unit office was opened for distribution of micro-credit in rural areas. ASA sources said, the Deputy Commissioner of Patuakhali M Habibullah inaugurated the Baherchar unit office amidst a huge gathering. Among others, Police Super AKM Enayetullah Dewan attended the function.

774 DTWs installed in Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, Sept 16: Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) installed 774 deep tubewells (DTW) in six thanas of the district during the last financial year, reports BSS. Of the total tubewells 150 were installed in Bauphal thana, 139 in Galachipa thana, 80 in Mirzaganj thana, 70 in Dashmina thana, 91 in Kalapara thana, and 94 in Patuakhali sadar thana. The rural people are greatly benefited with the installation of these deep tubewells as they are getting supply of pure drinking water properly.

Separate incidents claim 2 lives

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Sept 16: A housewife committed suicide by taking poison at a village in Assassuni thana of the district recently. Police sources said, the housewife, Jobeda Khatun, 20, wife of Abul Kashem of village Bahadurpur under Assassuni thana took poison and died on the spot. Family trouble is the cause of her suicide. Meanwhile, another person died by snake bite at a village in Kaligonj thana recently. According to eyewitnesses, the victim, Jamat Ali, 35, of village Kholadanga in Kaligonj thana was sleeping in his bedroom when a poisonous snake bite him.

Chatmohar Thana Coop Society's AGM

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Sept 16: The 17th annual general meeting (AGM) of Chatmohar Thana Central Co-operative Society was held recently in Chatmohar thana Parishad Auditorium under the presidency of Nazim Uddin. Lokman Ahmed, Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO), Chatmohar was the chief guest while Altaf Hossain, Assistant Commissioner (Land), was the special guest. Other guests were Faruqul Alam, Abdul Malek, Chairman, Chatmohar Union Parishad, Kazi Mujibur Rahman and others.

Phensidyl recovered

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Sept 16: Kotwali Thana police recovered 99 bottles of phensidyl from the cash counter of Honif Transport Office recently. But none has so far been arrested in this connection.

Discussion on Education Week

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Sept 16: A discussion meeting and prize giving ceremony was arranged by Salikha thana administration recently. The discussion was arranged in observance of National Education Week '97 which concluded here recently at Salikha Thana Parishad Auditorium. It was presided over by A. Rouf, Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO), Salikha thana while Pronab Roy, Assistant Commissioner of Land, Principal Ohidur Rahman, Saful Alam, Statistics Officer spoke on the occasion. Prizes were awarded among the best teachers, students and institutes.

Boy drowns in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Sept 16: A boy drowned in a pond at Bilsimia in the city recently, reports UNB. The boy was identified as Shaheen, 10, son of Rahmat Ali. He went to the pond with his housemaid, his father said. The boy went down in the pond while the maid was washing clothes. Later, his body was found after an hour-long search.

Women's coop sought for development

MUNSHIGANJ, Sept 16: State Minister for Planning, Civil Aviation and Tourism Dr Mofuddin Khan Alamgir said the desired national uplift cannot be achieved without the active participation of womenfolk, reports UNB. Dr Alamgir was addressing a conference of the women of self-employment schemes organised by Anneson, an NGO, in Srinagar thana on Saturday. The minister said the present liberation government is administering the country not to rule the people but to render services to them adding that the government has been working relentlessly for the welfare of the common people. He called upon all to cooperate with the development and welfare activities of the government.

Students put up barricade on road at Shahjadpur

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 16: Students put up barricade on North Bengal highway demanding announcement of HSC results of the external candidates by Rajshahi Board, reports UNB. Witnesses said at least 500 students of Karatua Degree College put up barricade on the highway at Taalgachi in Shahjadpur thana at about 10 am and did not allow traffic for two hours.

More than 500 vehicles were stranded on the highway due to the barricade. The barricade was removed at noon at the request of local political leaders and administration.

The agitating students, however, warned of tougher action programme if their results were not published by the board immediately. Rajshahi Board withheld results of a good number of students who appeared at the HSC examinations from the college as external examinees.

31 Sirajganj BNP activists granted bail

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 16: A magistrate court granted bail to 31 local activists of the BNP and its front organisations who were accused of ransacking Awami League office, reports UNB.

Ullapara thana Awami League had lodged a case against them on charge of ransacking its office on September 1 during a clash between the two rival groups.

Earlier, the accused, including BNP thana unit Joint Convenor Belal Hossain, district Jubo Dal vice-president Azad Hossain and thana Chhatra Dal Convenor Rafiqul Islam, surrendered before the court and prayed for bail.

Padma erosion renders 400 families homeless

RAJBARI, Sept 16: Some 400 families in four thanas of the district were rendered homeless due to erosion by the mighty Padma in last few months, reports UNB.

A vast tract of land at Bahadurpur, Baliakandir Jangal and Narua in Pangsha thana, Debragram and Daulatdia in Goolundo thana and Mizanpur in Sadar thana went into the gorge of the river. More than one km pucca road in the area was devoured by the river. Meanwhile, the affected families took shelter in safer places and were passing the days in miserable condition for lack of relief materials.

Earlier, State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Talukdar M Abdul Khaleque had distributed Tk 50,000, 50 bundles of CI sheets and 800 kg rice among the distressed people while visiting the erosion-hit area. But the relief materials were said to be inadequate to meet the demand.

While contacted, the Deputy Commissioner said a list of the distressed people has been sent to the authorities concerned, seeking more relief materials, including Tk two lakh, 200 bundles of CI sheets, 200 pieces of sarees and lungis and 50 metric tonnes of rice and wheat.

Relief distributed among river erosion victims

RAJBARI, Sept 16: Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief has distributed relief materials among the distressed people who were affected recently by river erosion at village Sengram in Pangsha thana of the district, reports UNB. So far, the ministry distributed 50 bundles of CI sheet, Tk 50,000 as house building grant and gratuitous relief, 170 VGD cards and 800 kgs of rice to the affected people.

Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena visited the erosion-hit Sengram, his ancestral village on Friday morning and enquired about the welfare of the people. Addressing a rally, the CEC urged the affluent people of the locality to come forward in aid of the distressed humanity.

Deputy Commissioner of Rajbari Mohammad Amirul Karim and SP Syed Abul Hossain also spoke. In last week, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak and State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukdar Abdul Khaleque visited the erosion-hit area.

Share-croppers of Shariatpur facing manifold problems

MADARIPUR, Sept 16: The share-croppers of Shariatpur district are facing manifold problems due to abject poverty and price-hike of agricultural inputs, reports UNB.

The share-croppers of the district who cultivate 90 per cent of the total lands of the district are to bear the expenses of crop production and after harvesting they are to give away half of the produce to the land owners.

The landless share-croppers cannot avail bank loan facilities as they cannot mortgage the land against the loan. In the past, they used to enjoy credit facilities in advance against their standing crops.

Woes of N'ganj pouva dwellers multiply Fund shortage hits hard mosquito eradication programme

From Ehsanul Haque

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 16: Mosquito menace has taken a serious turn in the district headquarters affecting its over three lakh inhabitants.

It has been alleged, almost all the main drainage pipelines of the town area have remained blocked for a long period. Waste remains stagnant in open drains due to this reason.

According to its own budget document of last fiscal, the Pouroshava spent about Tk 7 lakh for development of drainage in the town. Residents of the town complain of serious water-logging. This has not only turned into a breeding ground for mosquitoes, but also posing a serious health hazard.

Other ponds, ditches and similar water bodies in the town areas are also in similar condition. These ponds are often considered as garbage houses by local inhabitants. However, most of these water bodies remain full of water by acinths which is also considered to be a favourite home of mosquitoes.

Altogether, mosquito menace has multiplied the woes of Narayanganj pouva dwellers. An amount of Taka four lakh had been allocated for Narayanganj Pouroshava to eradicate mosquito during the last fiscal year, but the Poura authority failed to initiate timely mosquito control programme due to delayed arrival of insecticides. Moreover, ineffective insect control system and insufficient equipment (hand spray machines) to carry out a town-wide anti-mosquito operation have also attributed to the failure. Although there are 10 hand spray machines, only two of those are in workable condition.

1,000 cases remain pending in courts in Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Sept 16: About one thousand cases are pending in different courts in Chuadanga district.

The cases are not being disposed of due to shortage of judges. Break-up of pending cases include: 93 session cases, 161 criminal appeal, 207 criminal (Division), 33 Criminal Mis and 344 are Special Tribunal. Out of those 356 under trial cases have been lying in the court of District and Sessions Judge Court I, 215 are lying in Additional District and Sessions Judge Court II. Out of 4 thanas of Chuadanga there is no judge in Jibannagar thana court for the last 2 years. Damruhuda thana court judge has been performing the duty of Jibannagar thana court for 2 days in a week. As a result trial are being delayed.

During the current fiscal, the Poura authority allocated Taka four lakh to kill mosquitoes and prevent their spreading. However, this programme is yet to start and is likely to begin in November next, the authoritative sources informed.

Meanwhile, the authorities fear, they might not be able to continue the eradication programme for more than one month with the allocated fund due to increased price of insecticide. The authorities cover an area of 10.35 square miles to spray with the insecticide called 'neucyde-60' which is imported. This chemical is effective, says an official. "Timely spraying can halt growth of mosquito in young stage resulting in efficient control of the growth of mosquitoes."

However, the Poura authority has purchased eight hand spray machines and anti-mosquito chemical — Morten — which is specially for adult stage and less effective, according to an expert. So, he said, mosquito control programme in the town area has been suffering a serious set back.

Official sources said that an Anti-Mosquito Scheme was launched in 1962-63 with 75 staff members which continued till 1980. Later, non-availability of government fund had forced the authority to limit its functions. Besides, a few of the staff members were transferred to various organisations which led to the closure of the department in 1990.

A fresh anti-mosquito scheme was submitted to the government several years back, but its yet to be approved, the source informed. At present, the lone medical officer of the municipality, who is also responsible for mosquito control drive, is making little progress. There is none to assist him.

A mosquito has a very short life span — only 30 days. They live for 15 days as larva, the young stage and the rest of the 15 days as adult, the active stage, experts said. Mosquitoes can be destroyed once effective are taken to kill them. This process can not be carried out by the Poura authority alone, an official said suggesting cooperation by the town dwellers. However, dry season from November to February of the year is the best time to eradicate mosquito.

A recent notice by the Poura authority asked the inhabitants to clean water hyacinths from the water bodies in their respective areas. But the directive has so far been ignored. "This type of non-cooperation from inhabitants is unfortunate and their mentality should be change", the official further added. But still now, the authority has not filed any case against the persons concerned in the town.

Meanwhile, the sufferings of the inhabitants have been increasing everyday. Malaria has already attacked hundreds of people in areas like Maskair, Isdar, Kashipur, Sheednagar and Deobhog.



NARAYANGANJ: A derelict pond filled with water hyacinth and situated in the middle of Amlapara area in the town is an ideal breeding ground of mosquitoes. — Star photo

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Diarrhoea takes serious turn in Sylhet, Kushtia

SYLHET, Sept 16: Diarrhoea that broke out in the district remained static in Balaganj thana but further claimed two lives and attacked more than a hundred people, reports UNB. The deceased were identified as Iskandar Ali, 60, and Nurul Islam, 10, of Khagdia village.

Official sources said medical teams are working round-the-clock in the diarrhoea-hit Khagdia village of Dayamir union in the thana and distributed medicines and saline packets among the affected people.

Another report from Kushtia said: Diarrhoea took an alarming turn in the district town with over a hundred people affected by the water-borne disease.

According to sources, municipal ward no 4, Harisankarpur, Desharipara and Millpara are the worst-hit areas. Meanwhile a man died of the disease that is engulfing new areas.

Hospital sources said there was no adequate place in the hospital to accommodate such huge number of patients coming every day.

The dwellers alleged that intake of pourashava contaminated water was the main reason behind the outbreak of the disease.

Two kidnapped youths rescued

KISHOREGANJ, Sept 16: Two kidnapped youths, rescued here late Tuesday night, were sent to their parental homes in Fatulla thana of Narayanganj district on Friday, police said, reports UNB.

Kartik Chandra Mondol, 22, and Babul Chandra Mondol, 18, both garage helpers and resident of Raghunathpur village in Fatulla, were kidnapped from near Panchabati ghat in Narayanganj on August 31 while they were returning home in a tempo in the evening.

An armed gang stopped the tempo, forced the two youths to board a microbus and then blind-folded them before proceeding to an unknown destination.

On Tuesday midnight (September 9), the abductors dropped the still blindfolded youths beside a road at village Moksepur in Kishoreganj sadar thana.

Attracted by their cry for help, the local people informed the police who took them to Kishoreganj sadar thana. Finally, the two youths were sent to Fatulla thana on Thursday night. The reason behind the kidnapping could not be known.



BCIC International Tender Notice

বিসিআইপি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অর্থায়নের প্রতীক

Managing Director, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Limited, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong invites sealed quotation on C&F (C) Chittagong basis under any suitable source of financing for the following items under two envelope system:-

Tender No	Materials	Opening date	Cost of tender
1. F/08/MPIC-24/53/97/POP	Plate Laid Dandy Roll (with Water Mark Ledger Laid)	8.10.97	Tk. 250/-
2. F/29A/MPIC-14/27/97/POP	Aluminium Hydrate — 300 M Tons	15.10.97	Tk. 300/-

The quotation duly supported by 1% (min. Tk. 1000/-) earnest money will be received up to 11:00 am in the mentioned date and will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderers, if any. The tender document on cash payment may be obtained from (a) Addl. Chief Accountant, Karnaphuli Paper Mills Ltd, 92, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong and (b) Controller of Accounts, BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha Com. Area on all working days. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening.

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General Manager (Commercial)

Sajeda opens tree fair

Feni: President of Rotary Club of Jahangirnar planting a sapling on the occasion of tree plantation campaign of the club at Rotary Village Corp GM Hat, Feni.

Minister for Environment and Forest Sayeda Sajeda Chowdhury Sunday inaugurated a 10-day tree fair at Baria village under the Kushtia district, reports BSS.

Local Government Engineering Department, Forest Department, different nurseries and non-government organisations (NGOs) put on display a huge number of saplings of various fruit-bearing and wild trees in the fair.

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) and the Forest Department jointly organised the fair at the premises of Begum Hamida Siddique School in presence of a large number of enthusiastic people, an official press release said.

Sayeda Sajeda Chowdhury in her inaugural speech said such tree fair could motivate the people to go for comprehensive afforestation programme in the far-flung areas of the country.

Monohordi Thana AL meeting held

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Lt General (ret'd) Nooruddin Khan said in Narsingdi on Saturday that father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahmans' dream of Sonar Bangla will be materialised by achieving people's economic emancipation and by establishing a terrorism-free society, reports BSS.

The minister attended an extended meeting of Monohordi Thana Awami League Abdul Hakim president of the thana Awami League presided over the meeting. He exchanged views with the local workers and leaders of Awami League regarding local problems and development work.

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Gazipur Road Division, Gazipur RHD Notice Inviting Tender

Inviting Sealed Tender in BD Form No. 2911

- Tender Notice No. : 27/RDG, 1997-98.
- Name of work : Providing bituminous carpeting with sealed necessary repairing at different KM. on Joydebpur-Bhaluka-Tisral Road in 2 (two), Groups under Gazipur Road Division during the year 1997-98.
- Estimated cost : As per group list.
- Earnest money : As per group list.
- Time allowed : As per group list.
- Chargeable head : As per group list.
- Eligibility of contractor : As per group list.
- 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 Division, Dhaka/SDE, RHD, Road Sub-Division, Tongi/Joydebpur.
- Name of offices of received of tender bids : Offices of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (P&D), Dhaka/Ex. Engr. RHD, Dhaka Division, Gazipur/SDE, RHD Road Sub-Divn, Tongi/Joydebpur.
- Last date & time of selling of tender documents : 22.9.97 during office hours.
- Last date of receipt of tender documents : Up to 12-30 PM on 23.9.97.
- Date & time of preparing list of tender received by the respective receiving offices : At 12-45 PM on 23.9.97 (The sealed envelopes shall not be opened by the respective receiving offices on 28.9.97.
- Date of lottery : 30.9.97 at 2-00 PM of this office.

Statement showing Group No, name of road, name of works, location of account, item No. of schedule of works qty, with unit, itemwise cost, estimated cost, earnest money, time for depletion of works, eligibility of contractors, Tender Notice No. 27/RDG. of Road Division, Gazipur during the year 1997-98.

Gr. No.	Name of road	Name of works with location	Head of Account	Item No. of schedule of works	Qty. with unit	Itemwise cost Tk	Estimated cost Tk.	Earnest money Tk.	Time for completion of works	Eligibility of contractor
1	JBT Road	Providing bituminous seal coat for necy. repairing at 12th KM JBT. Road.	168-RBF	1. a)	564.00 M2	10,716/-	4,57,803/-	9,200/-	25 days.	A to E class general RHD enlisted contr.
				b)	21.43 M3	86,127/-				
				3	564.00 M2	1,07,160/-				
1	do	Providing bituminous carpeting and seal coat for necy. repairing at 13th KM on JBT. Road	do	1. a)	966.51 M2	12,242/-	5,23,005/-	10,500/-	do	do
				b)	24.48 M3	98,385/-				
				3	6443.40 M2	1,22,424/60				

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Gazipur Road Division, Gazipur