

News snaps

Meghna erosion renders many homeless

CHANDPUR, Oct 1: About 200 families have been rendered homeless by continuous erosion of the river Meghna at Haimchar thana under Chandpur district during the last one month, reports BSS.

The badly affected unions of Haimchar thana are Haimchar, Nilkamal, Char Bairavi, Gazipur, and Ibrahimpur. About 30 villages in these unions are badly affected by the erosion. One hundred affected families have taken temporary shelter on the embankment of Chandpur Irrigation Project. About 150 acres of fertile land with standing crops were devoured by the river. Besides, Haimchar Bazar is also eroded by the erosion.

Installation ceremony

FARIDPUR, Oct 1: The 22nd installation ceremony of the newly elected office-bearers of Faridpur Lions Club was held at River Research Institute auditorium recently, reports BSS.

Ln M A Jalil, district governor of district 315 A-1 was the chief guest who conducted the oath taking ceremony of the newly elected office bearers of the Club. Ln Mahbubur Rahman Khan and Ln Kazi Mamun along with other office-bearers took oath for 1997-98. The function was also attended, among others, by A F M Abdul Haque Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner Faridpur and former district governor Syed Nasir Hossain.

Contractor roughed up by extortionists

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 1: A contractor was roughed up by some identified extortionists in the town's Dhanga area on Thursday, police and local people said, reports UNB.

Six mobsters, allegedly led by a Chhatra League leader, beat Firoj Khan with hockey sticks and iron rods as he refused to pay them Tk 50,000 toll.

The victim was admitted to Ibne-Sina Hospital with critical injuries in his head and body. A case was filed with Sadar thana.

Review workshop on agri programme

RANGPUR, Oct 1: Agriculture Minister Motia Chowdhury stressed on expansion of agricultural technology and attaining skill in cultivation for building agro-based industries, reports UNB.

The minister said this while addressing a review workshop on agriculture programmes, organised by the Agriculture Directorate at the Circuit House here on Saturday. The minister asked the farmers to increase the agri output after taking adequate training and using chemical fertilisers proportionately side by side the natural manure.

3 killed in Sunamganj road accident

SUNAMGANJ, Oct 1: Three people, including a student, were killed in two separate road mishaps on Sunamganj-Durai road on Sunday morning, reports UNB.

Police said the accident occurred when three people were hit by a minibus while they were going to Dirai on a motorcycle from village Sujanaagar in Dirai thana. The three motorbike riders received serious injuries in the accident. Of them, Motinul, 24, a student of Dirai College, died on way to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital. In another accident on the day, eight people were injured when a tempo crashed into a minibus at Gazipur on the same road. Of them, two died at a hospital.

Orientation meeting

SENHATI (Khulna), Oct 1: Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Mostafa Rashidee Suja has called upon all to work unitedly to make the country free from terrorism, reports UNB.

He was addressing an orientation meeting of Senhati Bazar managing committee in Digholia thana of the district on Friday. The Whip said the government believed at work and determined to materialise its pre-election commitment. He assured the bazar committee that their demand for construction of roads and drainage system of the bazar will be fulfilled soon. Presided over by Senhati Bazar managing committee president Dr M Hannan, the function was addressed, among others, by Digholia Awami League President M Mashur Rahman and Mollah Akram Hossain.

Magurchhara fire affects lemon output

SYLHET, Oct 1: Lemon and pineapple output has suffered a setback due to fire in Magurchhara gas filed of Moulvibazar district in June, reports UNB.

According to an estimate, about 6,000 lemon trees in a garden, one-and-a-half km off the gas well, were burnt in the devastating fire, affecting production.

Reception accorded to meritorious students

MYMENSINGH, Oct 1: Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Prof Dr Muhammad Hossain has called for evaluation of country's meritorious and talented students to help create congenial atmosphere in the educational arena, reports UNB.

Dr Hossain was addressing a reception Monday accorded to the meritorious students of Bangladesh Agricultural University College for their outstanding results in the last HSC examinations. Chaired by the college Principal Saleha Akhter, the reception was addressed, among others, by Prof Dr Mohammad Rafiqul Haque Bhuiyan, Prof Dr Mohamammad Raisul Alam and BAU Deputy Registrar Mohammad Nazim Rahman.

Seminar on AIDS

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 1: State Minister for Jute and Textiles AK Faezul Huq called upon the youth of the country to launch a social movement to create mass awareness about the menace of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) in the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing as chief guest at a seminar and workshop on 'AIDS and the Youth in Bangladesh' organised by UNESCO Club of Narayanganj at Narayanganj Club on Tuesday. Presided over by Tanvir Haider Khan, President, UNESCO Club Narayanganj, the seminar was addressed, among others, by Alhaj Emdadul Hoq Bhuiyan MP, Dr Halida Harun Khondakar, President Hometown Approach to AIDS (CAAP) and others.

Dysentery breaks out in Manikganj

MANIKGANJ, Oct 1: Dysentery has broken out in the urban and rural areas of the district in an alarming proportion, reports UNB.

At least, 1600 people have been attacked by the disease during the last two months, health complex sources said. According to physicians, consumption of adulterated foodstuff, intake of contaminated water and stale food are the main reasons behind the outbreak of the disease. A number of patients are being admitted to the different health complexes of the district everyday. The affected people urged the authority concerned to set up medical camps in dysentery-hit areas to combat the spread of the disease.

Body recovered

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 1: Police on Wednesday recovered a body of an unidentified youngman from a ditch near Jamtali railway station in Kamarkhand thana, reports UNB.

The body, bearing several injury marks, was tied with a pole under the water. Postmortem of the body was performed at the Sirajganj General Hospital. A case has been registered in this connection.

Training on poultry farming

NARAIL, Oct 1: A ten-day training on poultry farming sponsored jointly by the Youth Development Directorate and 'Shahajogita', a local non-government organisation, concluded last week at Gochara Government Primary School under sadar thana, reports BSS.

Thirty members of 'Shahajogita' both male and female, were imparted training on modern method of poultry farming. The inaugural function was presided over by Bhagirath Chandra Biswas, Director of 'Shahajogita'. Thana Livestock Officer Dr M Hafizur Rahman and Assistant Director Mohammad Tabir Hossain, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Tribal miscreants abduct 2 businessmen

BANDARBAN, Oct 1: A Group of tribal miscreants have abducted two local businessmen and robbed Taka 31,000 from a shop at Ruangchhari thana, 22 miles from the district headquarters, police said here on Tuesday, reports BSS.

The group of about 40 armed miscreants also opened fire after being chased by police but were able to flee kidnapping the businessmen. Police Superintendent Majedul Haq said.

Police were guarding the area.

Mushroom growth of hotels in Kishoreganj

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 1: Mushroom growth of hotels and restaurants in all the 13 thana headquarters and district town is posing health hazards to the residents of the locality, reports UNB.

Customers alleged that most of these hotels and restaurants are dirty and uncleaned. Food is prepared and stored in most unhygienic condition. The district and thana health administrations are not paying any attention in this regard. Some dishonest health administration officials allegedly take bribe from the hotel owners and other shopkeepers. As a result, these illegal shopkeepers are running their business with impunity.



All activities in Chittagong Port were stopped due to Saturday's cyclonic storm.

— Star photo by Sk Enamul Haq

Loadshedding Two PDB men manhandled in Barisal

By Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct 1: Agitating people in Gorachand Das Road area of the town manhandled two PDB linesmen protesting continuous loadshedding in the town since last night.

The local people said that they had reminded the power house employees earlier about loadshedding. But they did not pay heed to the matter.

BCL factions clash

Pakundia College closed for 7 days

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 1: Pakundia Degree College has been closed for seven days following a clash between two rival student groups, reports UNB.

Academic Council of the college at an emergency meeting on Monday night took the decision following the clash between two rival groups of pro-Awami League Chhatra League over the students' union election.

New RU Press Club executives take over

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 1: The charge handing over ceremony of Rajshahi University (RU) Press Club was held recently.

Md Abdur Razzak, newly elected president of RU Press Club took charge from outgoing president Tareq Chowdhury. Prof Abdul Khaleque, Vice-Chancellor of the university who is also the chief patron of the club and press club adviser Prof AYM Moniruzzaman were present in the charge handing over ceremony.

Prof M Mukhlisur Rahman, Proctor, Prof M Faruk-uz-Zaman, administrator, Press and Publication Office, Md Shaiful Islam, former president of Press Club and Tareq Chowdhury, outgoing President of Press Club were among others who spoke at the function. Prof Moniruzzaman was in the chair.

Crimes on rise in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Oct 1: In spite of repeated attempts of special police squads to arrest terrorists and to recover arms, day-light killings, bus dacoities, other dacoities, rape and anti-social activities have been taking place almost everyday in different parts of the district.

Killing by stabbing and gun shot after taking away from home are rampant in Mirpur, Bheramara, Daulatpur and Kushtia thana areas.

On August 31, Rashedul Daulatpur thana was called out from his house and later beaten to death by the musclemen of one Shahabuddin. Saidul Islam was brutally killed by his rivals on September 1 in village Laxmidar under Mirpur thana. Eye witnesses said, rivals broke open the door and forced their entry and stabbed him to death on the spot.

On September 2, Akbar Ali, 45, of village Jhutadanga under Mirpur thana was taken away from his house at 8 PM and he was shot dead.

On September 3 armed miscreants shot dead Shaymol Saha, 25, reportedly a leader of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) in a tea stall at Harinarayanpur Bazar of sadar thana in day light. Shaymol Saha is the son of Pares Chandra Saha of village Shibpur under sadar thana. The wife of Shaymol has filed a case with Kushtia police.

BCP activists kill old woman in Magura

MAGURA, Oct 1: An old woman was killed by the members of the outlawed Biplobi Communist Party at Shatkhali village in Shalikha early today, reports UNB.

The victim was identified as Pushpa Rani Ghosh, 60, mother of Shushil Kumar Ghosh, a businessman.

Police said the gunmen, who were demanding toll from Shushil Kumar, stormed his house at the dead of night and killed his mother as they failed to find him out.

The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed with the local police.

Roadside hats cause frequent bus accidents in Pabna

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Oct 1: Movement of vehicles on roads and highways is being hampered seriously due to encroachment by villagers on weekly hat days.

As a result road accidents are on rise along these routes.

The authorities concerned are indifferent to take any effective measures to check the trend.

The following bazaars — Atakula, Tebunia, Dasuria, Kashinathpur, Pushpara, Santhia, Boalmari and Mooladuli are old bazaars.

These hats have been growing and getting bigger in size due to population boom. The original area of these hats was too small to cope with the growing number of population.

These hats have been extended to the roads and highways specially the North Bengal Highways which remains extremely busy with the movement of traffic.

As a result road accidents have been taking place very frequently. Traffic jams are also being created by the hat day shop owners and buyers.

Vehicles carrying passengers and also commercial goods, have to remain stranded for hours together during the peak hours of the hat.

Traffic police are hardly found to clear the jams. It is widely alleged, police constables are very often found to collect tolls quite illegally from the traders. These hats should be shifted elsewhere. But the hat committees constituting influential persons, do not agree to shift hats in fear of losing their influence which may affect their financial interest.

While discussing the matter with this correspondent, president of the hat committee of Atakula, told that the problem might be solved if the hats sit 3 days a week instead of two days weekly. According to him, this would reduce pressure of traders and others considerably.

But others in the committees differed. Some committee members suggested for construction of multi-storied buildings in these hats. It would meet the requirement of the

traders.

When asked about the above proposal, the Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rev. Pabna), who is the proper authority said that no such proposal was under the consideration.

Principals of Atakula College and Kashinathpur College told The Daily Star that heavy jams and congestions that are created on hat days, create problems for the students, specially the female students.



Charge handing over ceremony at RU Press Club.

Satkhira Newsletter

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Oct 1: Two persons have been convicted and sentenced recently to suffer ten years rigorous imprisonment (RI) and fined Taka 2,000 in default to suffer one year more RI on charge of possessing illegal fire arms.

The convicts are Shawkat Ali of village Kuskhal under sadar thana in the district and Abdul Jalil of village Perikhal of Rampal thana in Bagerhat district.

The prosecution story in brief is that acting on a secret information Satkhira sadar police raided the house of accused Shawkat Ali and recovered two pipeguns with 10 rounds of cartridges from the house on June 24, 1995. Police also arrested Shawkat Ali and Abdul Jalil from the place of occurrence. A case was lodged with Satkhira police. After investigation police submitted chargesheet against the accused.

Md Aftab Uddin Judge Special Tribunal Court No-5 after examining witnesses and documents announced the verdict.

Dacoit gets 10-yr RI

One person has been convicted and sentenced to suffer ten years rigorous imprisonment (RI) with fine of Taka 1,000 in default to suffer six months more RI for robbery.

The convict is Moslem Ali of village Bakra under Jhikargachha thana in Jessore district.

The case in brief is that the convict, Moslem Ali was caught by the people while he was committing dacoity at the house of Monaragan Mondal at village Goalchar under Kalaroa thana of the district on May 26, 1992. A case was filed with Kalaroa police station and the investigating officer chargesheeted him after an enquiry.

Assistant Sessions Judge and Sub-Judge Aftabuddin after examining witnesses and documents announced the verdict.

1 held for possessing illegal arms

Kalaroa police arrested one Abdul Malek, 35, of Agaroani under Satkhira sadar thana from a passenger bus near Kalaroa bus stand recently.

Acting on a secret information, Kalaroa police raided a Jessore bound minibus near Kalaroa bus stand and arrested Abdul Malek from the bus. Po-

lice also recovered one pipe gun with three rounds of cartridges from his possession.

A case was filed with Kalaroa police station.

Abducted woman rescued

Police recovered a newly married girl, Alpana Rani Paul, 22, wife of Tapas Paul of village Chandpur under Kalaroa thana of the district from a village of Shyamnagar thana after three days of her abduction recently.

Police sources said, Alpana Rani Paul along with her husband Tapas Paul went to her father's house on August 24. The same day, a group of miscreants forced entry into the house at village Dulabala under Kaliganj thana and kidnapped Alpana.

A case was filed with Kaliganj police station in this connection. Acting on a tip-off police led by Additional Police Super Habibur Rahman raided the house of Rawshan, member of village Chandpur under Shyamnagar thana and recovered Alpana Rani from the house. Police also arrested Mujibur Rahman and Abdur Rahim both of village Dulabala under Kaliganj thana in this connection.

Girl drowns

A 17-year-old girl drowned and died in a pond at village Patkelghata under Tala thana of the district recently.

According to eyewitnesses, the victim, Khodja Khatun, 17, daughter of Abdur Rashid of village Patkelghata went to take bath in the pond and she drowned. Later villagers rescued the body from the pond.

Anniversary of death

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Oct 1: The 5th death anniversary of Radio TV artist of Kurigram Md Kousimuddin was observed here recently under the auspices of Kasimuddin Memorial Committee.

A discussion meeting was organised at the town hall which was chaired by Mahbubur Rahman, president of the memorial committee. Md Abu Wahid, DC, Kurigram was present as the chief guest, while Principal Md Aminur Rahman, Kurigram Government Women's College and Kaziul Islam, Chairman, Kurigram Pourashava were special guests. Among others, Shyamol Kumar Bhowmik, secretary, Pochhad, a literary organisation of Kurigram took part in the discussion.



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Tender Notice

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Sealed tenders in PDB Form No-T-2 is hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of PDB/DESA and actual suppliers for the supply of ThreePin. Cords and Conductors for use PABX Board under SE System Control of office of Kataban, DESA, Dhaka. Tender documents may be available from the office of Member (Engineer and Commercial), DESA, Dhaka and Manager, Pubali Bank, Shahbagh Avenue, with the prior permission of the Head of the respective offices at the cost of Tk 80/= (eighty) only (non-refundable) per set in the shape of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of Add. Director, RAO, DESA, Dhaka till 21.10.97 during office hours. Tender will be received on 22.10.97 in the aforementioned office till 12 Noon and will be opened on the same day in presence of the tenderers or their representatives, if any. No tender document will be sold on the opening day. The undersigned reserves every right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

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Subject: Invitation for Hiring Local Consultants

Applications are hereby invited from individual consultants in the following fields for a TA project titled "Bangladesh Environment Project" being implemented with assistance from the World Bank.

Field	No of post	Duration	Qualification
Project Feasibility Expert	1	12 m/m	The consultant as the team leader of the national consultant team, will need to possess excellent management skills, sound analytical and writing ability, excellent negotiation skill and familiarity with GOB and World Bank documentation needs. The Project Feasibility Expert will possess a PhD with 10 years experience (or a Masters with 15 years experience) in policy planning and implementation. In addition, the consultant should possess a proven track record in comprehensive environmental and sustainable development. Experience in participatory project development and familiarity with the NEMAP process highly desirable.
Institutional and Human Resources Development Expert	1	10 m/m	The mandatory requirement is a PhD with 10 years of related experience or a Masters degree with 15 years of related experience in policy development, program administration and the functioning for the government. In addition, the consultant should be computer literate and possess a proven track record. Experience in participatory project development, functioning of government Ministries/Departments and familiarity with the NEMAP process is highly desirable.
Urban Environment Specialist	1	10 m/m	The mandatory requirement is a PhD with 10 years (or a Masters degree with 15 years) of related experience, preferably in environmental or sanitary engineering. In addition, the consultant should be computer literate and have experience in working with the poor, especially with slum dwellers. He/she should have knowledge relating to delivery of primary health care and sanitation. Familiarity with participatory planning is highly desirable.
Natural Resources Management Expert	1	10 m/m	The mandatory requirement is a PhD with 10 years of related experience or a Masters degree with 15 years of related experience. In addition, the consultant must be computer literate and should have fair knowledge in the areas of education at tertiary level, preferably in an area such as environmental policy, environmental economics, environmental law, or natural resources management. Experience in participatory project development and familiarity with the NEMAP process is highly desirable.
People's Participation Expert	1	10 m/m	The mandatory requirement is a PhD with 10 years of related experience or a Masters degree with 15 years of related experience in planning or law, or a law degree from a recognised university plus at least five years experience in legislative planning or drafting. The consultant should be computer literate and should have knowledge in land registration, records and management.
Expert in Environmental Management	1	10 m/m	The mandatory requirement is a PhD with 10 years of related experience or a Masters degree with 15 years of related experience, preferably in environmental/sanitary engineering. In addition, the consultant should possess a proven track record in comprehensive environmental and sustainable development programme planning. Experience in participatory project development is highly desirable.

TOR for individual consultant will be available at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Candidates are requested to provide the following document with the application:

1. Detailed CV (four sets)
 2. Recent passport size photo (4 copies)
 3. Photocopies of all academic certificates (4 sets)
- Applicants are required to submit their application within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication in the newspaper.

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