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Private sector's role in health service lauded

DINAJPUR, Oct 7: State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr M Amanullah said the private sector can play a pivotal role in improving the health care services in the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing a function organised by the London-based Dinajpur association here. Former Parliament member Abdur Razzaq, Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon of Dinajpur and senior citizens of the town attended the function. Dr Amanullah was told that Dinajpur Diabetic Hospital is providing services to almost eight thousands registered diabetic patients including 400 disadvantaged patients without any fees or charges.

6-hour road blockade in Tangail

TANGAIL, Oct 7: Traffic on Tangail-Mymensingh and Dhaka-Tangail highways remained halted for about six hours recently as truckers blocked the roads, protesting the arrest of a union leader, reports UNB.

Police said movement of vehicles on the two highways came to a total halt after the truck workers blocked different roads of the district town, parking their vehicles haphazardly. However, traffic on the roads returned to normal after the truckers cleared the roads at the request of Deputy Commissioner. Police said they arrested district Truck Sramik Union's Pakutia unit general secretary Babul Khan for his alleged involvement in a dacoity case.

Debacle in 14 colleges

COMILLA, Oct 7: Not a single examinee setup by 14 colleges under the Comilla Board could come out successful in the last HSC examinations, reports UNB.

According to board sources, the colleges are — Sayed Nabib Ali College, Israb Ali High School and College, Kurerbazar College, Quazi Jalal College and Sayed Shah Mostafa College in Sylhet district, Islamganj College, Sunamganj Poura College, Abdur Rashid High School and College, Jagdal College and Sayedpur Adarsha College in Sunamganj district, Baburhat High School and College in Chandpur, Rampur High School and College in Brahmanbaria, Borokota High School and College in Comilla and Vatera High School and College in Moulvibazar district.

194 bottles of Phenidyl seized

RAJBARI, Oct 7: Police seized 194 bottles of phenidyl and fake currency notes and arrested three people in four separate raids in Sadar and Goalundo thanas last week, reports UNB.

In the first operation on September 18, police seized 103 bottles of Indian phenidyl syrup from a house at village Andharmank in Goalundo thana. Acting on a tip-off, SI of detective branch of the district police Saidur Rahman seized the contraband item and filed a case with Goalundo ghat police against two people. The two other raids were conducted on September 18 and 23 at Daulatdia launch ghat. SI of river-outpost Ali Ahmad seized a total of 91 bottles of phenidyl. Mohammad Selim and Ashraf Alam were arrested in this connection.

Massive Rabi crops farming scheme

RANGPUR, Oct 7: About 14.62 lakh hectares will be brought under rabi crops cultivation in 16 northern districts this year, reports BSS.

According to agriculture extension department, the crop-wise target of cultivation is: boro paddy in 8.39 hectares, wheat in 3.80 hectares, mustard in 1.26 hectares, potato in 97,000 hectares, sweet potato in 11,000 hectares, maize in 4000 hectares and ground-nut in 62,000 hectares. Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) has started selling high yielding variety seeds to the growers while commercial banks have taken up steps to provide them with crop loan.

Villagers clash leaves 30 hurt

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct 7: At least 30 people were injured, 4 of them seriously in a bloody clash between two groups of villagers at Bagabandar area under Baufal thana of Patuakhali on Sunday night.

Police and witnesses said, two groups of villagers led by Matlab Howlader and Karim Howlader of the same village were locked in 3-hour long clash following previous enmity over land property that left at least 30 people from both the groups injured. Both groups used lethal weapons during the clash. Seriously injured school girl Popy, 17, Firoj 22, Siraj, 2 and Habib, 30, were admitted to Baufal thana health complex. Later police came to the spot lathicharged and brought the situation under control.

River erosion renders many homeless

MANIKGANJ, Oct 7: Some 2,000 families in three thanas have been rendered homeless during the last one month as the erosion of the rivers Padma and Jumuna intensified further in the district, reports UNB.

According to unofficial statistics, some 1,500 families of Azimnagar, Dhulseri Boyra, Harukandi, Ramkrishnapur and Gopinathpur unions in Harirampur thana, 500 families of Bachanara, Bachhutia, Charkatari, Jionpur unions in Daulatpur thana and Teota and Jafarganj in Shibalong thana have lost their homesteads. The affected people have taken shelter on different roads and char areas and are passing their days without relief materials.

Scarcity of drinking water in Satkhira

SATKHIRA, Oct 7: Acute scarcity of drinking water has been prevailing in all seven thanas of the district for shortage of tubewells, reports UNB.

The badly affected thanas are Kaliganj, Debhahata and Sadar. According to official sources, there are 16,400 tubewells for 18 lakh people of the district. Of them, 400 tubewells have gone out of order. The villagers informed that the existing tubewells are quite inadequate to meet the demand for the pure water. The people are compelled to use impure water from the nearby ponds and canals. As a result, they have been suffering from various stomach ailments.

Hijacked micro bus recovered

RAJSHAHI, Oct 7: The detective branch of Rajshahi metropolitan police yesterday recovered one Nishan microbus from the Rajshahi University campus, police said, reports BSS.

Acting on secret information, police raided the campus and recovered the microbus bearing number Dhaka Metro-Ga-11-8377 and arrested one Md Mainul Islam alias Iran on charge of hijacking. The micro bus was hijacked from Lalbagh thana of Dhaka city on August 20, police sources said.

Boy drowns in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, Oct 7: Two seven years old boys of village Konapara under Gouripur thana of the district drowned in a pond on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Local people said, the victims, Anwar, son of Hazrat Ali and Sohel, son of Majid Mia, drowned while they were taking bath in the pond.

Tribesman with heroin held

KHAGRACHARI, Oct 7: A tribesman was arrested along with a huge quantity of heroin and arms and ammunition from a residence at Roads and Highways Division here on Monday, reports BSS.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the No 1 staff quarter at 7 am and arrested Tarun Aloo Chakma, 30, along with one pound of heroin worth about Tk 50 lakh. They also recovered two Chinese revolvers, one LG and 16 bullets, and 20 bottles of Indian Phenidyl from the possession of Tarun, son of Bini Matab Deowan. Two cases were filed with Sadar thana.

Alleged killer arrested

KISHOREGANJ, Oct 7: Police arrested a man from Ekrampur area in the town of Monday on charge of killing a pregnant woman, reports UNB.

According to police, Afalan alias Ekin Ali beat Safura, 25, a nine-month pregnant housewife, to death at Padiha Kathalia village in Sadar thana on October 2, while she went to Ekin to realise money, which she earlier lent him. Safura went to realise the money for treatment of her sick father Motazuddin and two year-old daughter Samala, who were seriously affected by diarrhea and died the following day. A case was filed with the police in connection with the murder. The court sent him to jail hajat after rejecting his bail prayer.

5 dacoits arrested in Madaripur

MADARIPUR, Oct 7: Police arrested five dacoits with arms at Jajira under sadar thana of Madaripur on October 3, reports BSS.

Acting on a tip-off police raided the house of one Mazid Moral and arrested Liton, Mistar, Matber, Jalil, Mazid Moral, and Amir Hossain. A country made pipe gun with five rounds bullets and one ramda were also recovered from their procession. Two cases were filed with Madaripur thana in this connection.

Over 5 lakh children being deprived of primary schooling

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Oct 7: Over five lakh children between six to 10 years in 16 northern districts have been deprived of compulsory primary education.

According to a survey, there are 50,58,000 children of aforementioned age group who are supposed to attend primary schools. But only 45,26,000 children are going to schools. The remaining 5,32,000 children are not attending schools.

In Pabna district 3,41,000 children out of a total number of 3,95,800 are attending schools. Over 50,000 others are left behind.

In Sirajganj district there are 5,21,431 children of primary school age group 4,50,000 are going to schools. Over 72,000 are left outside the schools.

In Natore district, there are 2,35,500 children of primary school age group. Out of them, 2,10,000 are attending schools while 25,000 are left behind.

In Rajshahi district, 3,76,600 children have attained school going age, but 3,27,400

schools, but 30,000 are left outside schools.

In Chapainawabganj district 2,25,000 children have been attending schools while 30,000 others have remained outside in school campus.

In Naogaon district, there are 3,81,200 children worthy of going to schools, but 3,31,000 are attending schools while 50,000 others are outside the purview of primary education.

In Bogra district there are 4,76,900 boys and girls who have attained school going age, but 4,45,000 have been attending schools while 31,000 others are yet to go to schools.

In Jajpurhat district, 1,17,400 children have been attending schools, but 68,000 others have remained behind.

In Thakurgaon district, out of the total number of 1,47,000 children of school going age, 1,44,000 have been able to get the opportunity of being admitted in to the primary schools while 3,000 others are left behind.

In Kurigram district, over 3,00,000 children are going to primary schools, but 40,000 could not be enrolled in primary schools.

In Dinajpur district, 3,77,600 children are going to schools, but 36,000 others of the same age group are yet to find the light of education.

In Thakurgaon district, out of the total number of 1,47,000 children of school going age, 1,44,000 have been able to get the opportunity of being admitted in to the primary schools while 3,000 others are left behind.



RAJSHAHI: A team of experts from the Netherlands called on Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) Mizanur Rahman Minu at his office recently. The team is working for promoting health service in the city area.

— Star photo

Majher Char: Landless people yet to get allocation of khas lands

PIROJPUR, Oct 7: It was a glimmering hope for the landless farmers of the district when Majher Char a tiny island in the river Boleswar, started emerging 40 years back. But their dreams never come true, reports UNB.

When the char emerged on about 1200-acre area, the subsequent governments had promised to distribute the khas lands among the landless people, but they failed to follow their commitments in action.

According to a local census, some 1200 people are now living in the Majher Char, some 13 kilometres Southeast off thana Sadar. Poor people from adjoining Bhandaria, Shwarankhola and Bogi areas started settling there since 30 years back.

Of the total land, about 450 acres are arable. Dwelling houses were made on 220 acres while some 500 acres have been preserved for afforestation. The local forest office acquired more lands last year for the Green Belt Project.

The genuine landless people were supposed to get allocation of the khas lands, but they are being deprived of their rights because of Jotdars who often resort to terrorism and capture croplands during harvest, said a farmer.

Majority of the population earn their livelihood by fish-

ing, cultivating lands and taming cows and buffaloes in the char that still lacks basic amenities like medicare facilities.

There is a registered non-government school without logistic support. A cyclone-shelter centre was set up several

years ago, but it has no adequate space.

More worrying is that the char has no adequate number of tubewells to ensure safe water for the inhabitants. A handful of tubewells, which the char now possesses, remain out of order most of the time.

Besides, a total of 135 primary schools were damaged totally and 233 partially in Bhola district and 38 primary schools totally in Barguna district and 61 partially in this district. Education Office sources said.

On the other hand, Deputy Director of Secondary Schools told that a total of 200 high schools were damaged either totally or partially in Bhola district by this natural havoc.

Over six lakh people took shelter in 1,275 cyclone shelters in 35 thanas of 16 off-shore districts of the country during the last cyclone sweeping the southern parts of the districts at a speed of 130 to 150 km per hour. Red Crescent office sources said.

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Tender Notice

Tender No and Date	Materials	Cost of tender documents (Non-refundable)	Earnest money	Terms of delivery	Last date for submission of tender
No MES/3/2242/97 Dt 30-9-97	Blank Audio & Splicing Tape	Tk 750/- (Tk Seven hundred fifty) only	1% of the total quoted value	Free delivery at Betar, South Pahartali, Chittagong.	11-11-97

The above tender will be received by the undersigned up to 11:00 AM on the date mentioned above and will be opened on the same day at 11:30 AM in presence of tenderers, if any.

Tender documents may be collected from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days on production of an original Treasury Challan depositing Tk 750/- (Taka seven hundred fifty) only (Non-refundable) as cost of tender schedule under the Head '40-Broadcasting, Information & Publication (A-34) Ka-Betar Misoellaneous Receipt 1997-98'.

No tender document will be sold on the date of opening of the tender. This authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in full or part without assigning any reason thereof.

No tender documents will be sold or accepted by post.

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Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers (not necessarily enlisted with DGDP) for procurement of the following items in local currency for the Bangladesh Army :

SI No	Nomenclature	Qty	Selling date	Opening date	Cost of I/T Tk
a.	Caps waterproof nylon size- 2&3.	8,900 Nos	22-10-97 to 18-11-97	19-11-97	100/-
b.	Drawers cotton knitted 1,43,000 pairs undyed short size-1, 2,3&4.	-do-	-do-	-do-	100/-
c.	Vest cotton sleeveless knitted 4,42,000 Nos undyed size-1, 2,3&4.	-do-	-do-	-do-	100/-
d.	Bags kit universal. 9,500 Nos	-do-	-do-	-do-	50/-

2. Tender schedule for item with detailed specification will be available on any working day between 0800 hours to 1300 hours on payment (non-refundable) as mentioned above.

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