

News snaps

Acid thrown on young girl

MYMENSINGH, July 14: A young girl of Chandpur village in Bhaluka thana here received serious burn injuries when a miscreant threw acid on her body recently, reports UNB.
Family sources said the miscreant Nazrul, son of late Islam Mondol of the same village, threw acid on Sultana Razia Happy, 15, a student of class X of Mallikbari Shaheed Nazimuddin High School, while she was sleeping at her house at night. She was rushed to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital the next morning in a critical condition. Villagers said notorious terrorists Nazrul became angry as Happy's family refused his proposal to marry her. The family of the victim did not dare to file a case against the miscreant for fear of further retaliation, they added.

Wheat distributed among distressed

RANGPUR, July 14: Wheat over 2,989 metric tons were distributed among 16,610 distressed families of eight thanas in the district under VGD Programme during the last six months, reports UNB.
Official sources here said, 2,530 families in Sadar thana, 450 in Pirganj, 150 in Kaunia, 2500 in Gangachara, 3910 in Mithapukur, 2070 in Pirganj, 2500 in Badarganj and 1150 in Taraganj thanas received wheat from the month of January to June this year. Each family was given 30 kilograms of wheat per month, the sources added.

Dance evening at Jamalpur

JAMALPUR, July 14: A dance evening organised jointly by Shishu Academy and Shilpakala Academy, Jamalpur was held recently at Jamalpur Public Hall, reports BSS.
The trainee students of the academy enthralled a large number of audience. As many as 20 dance-items were presented by the junior dancers. Of them, six were group dances, five were duet-dances and nine were solo performances. Faizul Hasan Babu and Shamim Ara jointly directed the dances while Alim and Laboni rendered their voice as announcers. Deputy Commissioner, Jamalpur Achyuta Pada Goswami was present as the chief guest while Md Muslehuddin, Additional District Magistrate presided over the function.

BRDB loan disbursed among poor men

RAJBARI, July 14: Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) has disbursed Tk 4.8 crore among the distressed people under its Poverty Alleviation Programme in four thanas here in the last fiscal year, reports UNB.
Some 7,258 poor male and female received the loan for different income generating schemes like crop cultivation, pisciculture, livestock, rural transportation, nursery and small and cottage industries. Besides, BRDB provided skill development training to 4,208 people in order to attain self-sufficiency.

Joyalosh bridge in dilapidated condition

SUNAMGANJ, July 14: Vehicles are crossing the dilapidated Joyalosh bridge on Sylhet-Sunamganj highway with great risk every day, reports UNB.
Local people said the bridge starts shaking when vehicles cross it as there is not enough soil under its pillars. Even the pedestrians fear to cross it as railings at many places have been badly damaged. A Roads and Highways Department source said 220 feet of the total 300 feet long bridge needs immediate repair. At some points, iron rod came out as cracks developed there. Besides, the bridge went down by 1.5 feet at one place and may collapse at any time. Vehicles continue to cross the bridge despite high risk as there is no alternative way. Local people urged the authority to renovate the bridge without further delay.

42-km road dev work completed

RAJBARI, July 14: A total of 42-km road development work under nine projects in four thanas of the district was completed during the last fiscal year, reports UNB.
The projects were implemented by the Local Government Engineering Directorate (LGED) under Food for Works Programme at a cost of Tk 13 lakh and 634 metric tons of wheat. The projects are: Kolaht-Khalipur road, Baliakandi-Kamarkhali road, Machpara-Bhabaniganj road, Jamalpur-Kolahaht road, Mashalla-Kolahaht road, Nimtola-Mathurapur road, Rajbari-Bathulia road, Jagib Baggi-Abu Hena road and Goaland-Kushahata road. With the implementation of the projects, the much needed rural communication with the district headquarters has been improved to a great extent.

Workshop on pry edn development project

COMILLA, July 14: A workshop on project implementation of the primary education development project was held recently in the auditorium of the diabetic association here, reports BSS.
Two hundred district and thana levels officers of Comilla, Chandpur and Brahmanbaria districts participated in the workshop. CR Barua, Project Director of the Primary Education Development Project inaugurated the workshop. Matiur Rahman, Deputy Director of Primary Education Directorate, Chittagong division presided.

Call to ensure fair distribution of khas land

AGAILJHARA, Barisal, July 14: Chief Whip of Parliament Abul Hasanat Abdullah called upon the concerned authorities to ensure khas land distribution among the genuine landless and poor, reports BSS.
The chief whip was handing over deeds of khas land among 40 listed landless living under Agailjhara thana at a function recently. Abdullah said the present government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was striving to change the fate of the poor and helpless people. The government has taken a number of projects which include superannuation allowance, employment bank, housing fund and Asrayan project in this regard, he mentioned. Chaired by local Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) Mohammad Waliur Rahman, the function was also addressed by divisional commissioner of Barisal Yahiya Mollah and Dig of police Gazi Abdur Rahman.

Indian sugar seized

SYLHET, July 14: Bangladesh Rifles in a drive recovered 8,225 kg of Indian sugar worth about Tk 2.90 lakh from the River Plain in Goainhat thana on June 29, reports UNB.
BDR sources said, acting on a tip-off, a special team of the local sector seized 11 Baroki boats loaded with sugar. The seized goods were deposited with the district Customs office.

Health policy to be formulated soon

RANGPUR, July 14: Minister for Post and Telecommunications, Public Works and Housing Mohammad Nasim said here that the government was going to formulate an acceptable health policy soon to ensure health care services for the people, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of the third Rajshahi divisional conference of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) at Rangpur Medical College auditorium, the minister said that the government was striving hard to take up epoch-making steps in the field of health to build a healthy nation. In this regard, the minister, sought cooperation of BMA. Nasim urged the physicians to make significant contributions side by side with their professional duties to build the nation. The function was addressed, among others, by State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr M Amanullah, Anisul Huq Chowdhury, MP, H M Ashkur Rahman, MP, President of BMA Dr Rashid-e-Mahbub, Secretary General of BMA Dr Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin and President of BMA Rajshahi division Dr Anwarul Islam.

175 projects implemented in Noakhali

NOAKHALI, July 14: Companiganj Thana Parishad under Noakhali district has implemented 175 development projects at a cost of Taka one crore and ten thousand in the fiscal year 1997-98 with the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank and the CARE, a non-government organisation, reports BSS.

The project included constructions of roads, culverts, and bridges and repairs at primary schools in the rural areas, a thana parishad sources said.

Construction of power plant progressing

PABNA, July 14: Construction of the first ever 100 megawatt private barge mounted power generating station is progressing fast at Baghabari of Sirajganj district, reports UNB.
District administration handed over six acres of land on June 30 for construction of the station. PDB sources said that the newly produced electricity will be supplied to the national grid through link systems. It is expected that power production will start from the station within the next three months. The construction work started after signing the joint agreement with Bangladesh Power Development Board and Malaysia based company Westment Power (Bangladesh) Pvt Limited.

450 people receive old-age allowance

ISHURDI, July 14: Distribution of old-age allowance was started here in Athgharia thana on June 28, reports BSS.
Shamsur Rahman Sharif Delu, MP, inaugurated the distribution as the chief guest at Athgharia Thana Parishad premises. The function was presided over by the Thana Nirbahi Officer Akmal Hossain. Old-age allowance was distributed among 450 old men and women of 45 wards of five unions of Athgharia thana. Social Welfare Department organised the distribution function.

Mathematician K P Bose's house in dilapidated condition

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, July 14: The house of noted mathematician in the sub-continent KP Bose is being ruined gradually due to negligence of the department concerned. The building needs to be maintained properly.

A section of dishonest people of village Harisankarpur in the sadar thana have allegedly been stealing valuables from the house. But the house may be treated as a tourist spot if necessary steps are taken by the government.

KP Bose's house was abandoned following his death in Calcutta in 1914. His two sons Jitendra Bose and Tridiben Bose have settled in Calcutta. They visited Harisankarpur for attending ceremonies on some occasions only. Virtually the house has been lying abandoned.

KP Bose left a big two storied building—a *Puja Madap*, a hall room, a big kitchen and about one hundred bighas of land.

A portion of the great mathematician's house is now occupied by one Balai Ghosh and Gour Ghosh. Their father was the caretaker of KP Bose's property. Another portion of the house is being used as a booth of Sonali Bank. A portion of the *Puja Mandap* is being used as an area office of a non-governmental organisation named Unnayan Dhara.

The first floor is occupied by a local family. A portion of the hall room is being used as a branch post office. The rest is being used as an adult school of non-formal education programme of Unnayan Dhara.

According to local people, one third of the total property of KP Bose was sold to local influential persons after 1965. Rest of the property is occupied



JHENIDAH: The residence of noted mathematician of the sub-continent, KP Basu is lying in a dilapidated condition. Now the building is used as the area office of a non-governmental organisation (NGO). — Star photo.

by them. They said, local people protected the house of KP Bose in 1971 during the Liberation War.

But a section of dishonest people including the occupiers of KP Bose's house (Balai Ghosh) is allegedly involved in theft of the property. Balai Ghosh's son Tarun Ghosh is directly involved in theft. Earlier, Tarun has stolen the educational materials of BRAC School run by Unnayan Dhara. Tarun also

broke down the door of the same room. Accused Tarun Ghosh has stolen further the grills of the two storied building of KP Bose. The local people recovered the stolen goods from a rickshaw van. It was allegedly being taken to Jhenidah for sale by Tarun Ghosh. Balai Ghosh and Gour Ghosh were also involved in theft of KP Bose's valuables earlier, local people alleged.

For want of maintenance, plaster of all the rooms of the house are falling down day by day. The entire building may collapse at any time. The house may be turned into an attractive tourist spot if necessary steps are taken for renovation of the house.

When contacted Mansur Rahman, Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO), Jhenidah told this correspondent that he had given instruction for investigating the cases of theft.

Shortage of English teachers in educational instts in 2 dists

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, July 14: Over 80 per cent non-government colleges and 95 per cent senior madrasahs of Kurigram and Lalmonirhat districts have no requisite number of English teachers. As a result English teaching in colleges and madrasahs in the two districts is being hampered. The poor guardians of students are also facing economic hardship.

According to the existing government rules, each senior madrasah requires a lecturer in English, an intermediate college two lecturers in English and a degree college three or more teachers in English.

It is gathered that, 95 per cent senior madrasahs of the two districts and over 80 per cent non-government colleges, both intermediate and degree levels do not fulfill the existing government rules due chiefly to two reasons. One of the reasons is non-availability of sufficient number of qualified English teacher with requisite qualification.

After December in 1984, the

then government stopped recruitment of English teachers. As a result, many intermediate and degree colleges in the two districts could not employ more than one or two teachers in English. Many degree colleges are compelled to be run with only one English teacher.

The colleges which are not financially sound could not recruit English teacher. Moreover, the number of annual university products with second class masters and second class honours degree is poor.

Poor financial condition of the madrasahs of the two districts is another factor which made the institutions difficult to appoint English teacher with requisite qualification.

In most cases, the madrasahs have to appoint part time lecturers in English, who serve in the nearest colleges. Many other madrasahs do not have part time lecturers.

There are many colleges and madrasahs which did not get a single application after advertisement in the national dailies. In some cases applicants did not appear before the interview board even after submitting application and receiving interview cards for the post of lecturer in English.

In many colleges lecturers of other subjects earn a huge amount of money through private coaching in English in absence of English teachers. Some principals of private colleges and madrasahs of the two districts urged the new democratic government to withdraw the existing rules imposed by the then government and allow recruitment of third class masters degree holder in English and extend financial benefits and other facilities including promotion to them for ensuring education all over the country.

They pointed out that third class masters degree holders were not inefficient teachers and all first class or second class master degree holders were not necessarily good teachers.



GAIBANDHA: The Kalibari area situated inside the local *pourashava* have been submerged due to overflowing of the river Ghagot. — Star photo by KM Rezaul Haque

Breaches at Hursagar dam

Farmers in 4 Pabna thanas suffering

PABNA, July 14: Hundreds of farmers in 25 unions of four thanas in greater Pabna have been suffering seriously due to damages of different structures of Hursagar flood protection project, reports UNB.

A number of structures of the project including regulators and sluice gates were damaged in different times causing inundation of vast tract of crop lands and dwelling houses in the project area every year.

The project, undertaken in 1985 by the Water Development Board with financial assistance from World Bank, was aimed at protecting the crop lands and houses of 358 villages of Chatmohar, Faridpur, Bhangura and Shahjapur thanas.

The project work included construction of 16 km embankment from Iwardia to Bherakola, 9 km kutchia road and alternative embankment, two regulators and three flashing gates.

But breaches developed at several points of the embankment near Bherakola regulator due to faulty construction

work which caused inundation of crop lands and houses in Gala, Ruphati, Sonatali unions and a vast area of Chatmohar and Bhangura thanas following heavy rainfall and onrush of flood waters in the rivers.

The main structure of the regulator was also damaged following the damage of the wing wall. It was repaired later at a cost of Tk 53 lakh, said WDB sources.

But the project area have been experiencing flood every year with further damage of the embankment, said the local people adding that among three flashing gates at Dabarria, Ratankandi and Shantosh, one was washed away, another one remained completely out of order.

Besides, a regulator at Andharmanik became inoperative due to faulty construction, they said.

These cause flood and water-logging every year in the project area. The most affected areas are: Charbarania, Barania, Mahan, Karshalika, Bherakola, Gobindapur, Bara Dhurail, Binotia, Farikpara, Charatunail, Parogil, Dugali, Rupobatt, Kallachar, Nandalalpur, Bhul Baghutia, Bachra, Feturamara, Jotdrpara, Maharaipur, Kojuri and Odibari.

According to railway sources, the three bogies — almost in middle of the train — derailed at around 4 pm disrupting normal movement of trains on the route for several hours.

The train reached Chittagong at 8.15 am leaving behind the derailed compartments, the sources added.

Three bogies of train derail at Mirersarai

CHITTAGONG, July 14: Three compartments of the Chittagong-bound inter-city train 'Turna-Nishitha' derailed at Mirersarai crossing on Dhaka-Chittagong route injuring ten passengers in the early hours of Monday, reports BSS.

Shariatpur roads in bad shape

SHARIATPUR, July 14: The bus passengers of different routes here have been suffering badly due to bad condition of roads, worn out vehicles and negligence of transport owners and workers, reports UNB.

Passengers of the routes from the district headquarters to Naria, Damudya, Zajira, Muiwa and Tekerhat are the worst sufferers. Most of the busses plying in these routes are old and worn out and breaks, gears, steering light and horns are faulty, said the passengers.

They also complained that engines give troubles frequently and stop functioning on the way causing untold suffering to them.

Moreover, seats are not arranged properly while the windows and roofs of the buses can not protect the passengers from rain during the monsoon, they added. Most of the buses are unfit for plying and in rain the passengers have to use their umbrella inside the vehicles.

The vehicles do not maintain any proper timetable and pick up passengers from here and there causing delay in reaching the destination.

Sunamganj PDB incurring huge losses each yr

SUNAMGANJ, July 14: Power Development Board (PDB) here has been incurring huge losses every year in the district due to system loss in the supply system, reports UNB.

Activities are being hampered due to technical loss and misuse of power supplied in the district by PDB, said an official.

Besides, there is allegation that about 25 per cent meters of the total 4,000 subscribers run slowly due to faults. This is one of the causes of system loss here as the readings showed in the faulty meters are much less than the power consumed by the subscriber.

The sources further said 33 KV power transformers have been set up at some places, but a number of these transformers were damaged due to thunder-bolt.

The authorities make alternative arrangement of power supply which is unable to ensure uninterrupted supply, the sources added.

Cobalt-60 machine yet be operated in SBMCH

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, July 14: Cobalt-60, the most sophisticated machine for cancer treatment is yet to be utilised even after three years of its installation in Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH).

Five months ago a team of experts including Chinese technical persons arrived at Barisal to see for themselves the present condition of the machine. Quoting the team members, Dr R C Nath, Director, Barisal Medical College Hospital said, the machine is not usable as its 'source' has been marked with 'rush'. As a result the 'source' is to be changed or cleaned, he added.

At the present condition it is totally uncertain to put the machine into operation, the director opined. He, however, informed that a letter in this respect has already been sent to the authority concerned.

After installation, according to sources, first six months were spent for identifying the codes of Cobalt isotope of respective machines which was 'mistakenly' interchanged dur-

ing installation. The codes of Cobalt isotope of the machine installed in Barisal has been interchanged with that of Rangpur Medical College.

The next six months were spent for re-setting the codes. Earlier, one doctor and two technicians from each of the hospitals were given training in China on operation of the Cobalt machine. The operation involves commission of atomic beam to kill abnormal growth of cells in human tissues.

But the treatment is yet to be started in some of the hospitals as the machines remained still inoperative. Cobalt therapy is now considered as one of the most modern technologies for cancer treatment. It may be stated that, 5 'Cobalt-60' machines amounting to Taka two crore each, were imported from China under a German grant in 1994. The machines were purchased by the Central Medical Supply Depot (CMSD). In 1996 the machines were installed in 5 medical college hospitals — Salmullah (Dhaka), Barisal, Sylhet, Rajshahi and Rangpur.

BCIC Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Chhatak Cement Co. Ltd., Chhatak, Sunamganj invites sealed quotation for supply of Rubber Conveyor Belt from genuine manufacturer & agent & importer against Tender No. PUR/A/07/98-99. Tender will be opened on 29.7.98 at 3.00 PM at Purchase Division, BCIC Head Office, Dhaka & Purchase Section, Chhatak Cement Co. Ltd. Tender documents will be available an against cash payment of Tk. 400.00 only from : 1) BCIC Head Office, 30-31, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka 2) BCIC Branch Office, 6-Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong & 3) Chhatak Cement Co. Ltd., Chhatak. No tender documents will be sold on opening day. BCIC 558-5/7/98 DFP-15080-8/7/98 G-1604

Notice for Enlistment/Renewal of 'A, B, C & D' Class Contractors Under Bangladesh Power Development Board for the Year 1998-99 (1405-1406 Bangla)

বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন

Applications in prescribed form are invited from the established/experienced contractors/firms for new enlistment of 'A' class and new enlistment/renewal of 'B, C & D' class contractors under Bangladesh Power Development Board for the year 1998-99 (1405-1406 Bangla).

The prescribed form for new enlistment of 'A' class and new enlistment/renewal of 'B, C & D' class contractors shall be available from respective concerned offices on all working days between 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM at Dhaka and 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM outside Dhaka on payment of Tk. 100/- (Taka one hundred), Tk. 75/- (Tk seventy-five), Tk. 50/- (Taka fifty) and Tk. 25/- (Tk twenty-five) only respectively (non-refundable) in the form of Bank Draft in favour of 'Dy. Director, Accounts, COOAC, PDB, Dhaka' for new enlistment of 'A' class only and 'Addl. Director/Dy. Director/Asstt. Director' of concerned RAO offices for new enlistment/renewal of 'B, C & D'.

Application form for 'A' class new enlistment and new enlistment/renewal of 'B' class may be obtained from the offices of all concerned Chief Engineers/Addl. Chief Engineers, PDB & application forms for 'C & D' class contractors may be obtained from the offices of all Superintending Engineers/Project Directors/Directors/Managers and Executive Engineers/Resident Engineers (XEN), PDB respectively from 5-07-98 to 30-07-98. The form duly filled in alongwith supporting papers/documents as per terms and conditions as laid down therein be submitted to the concerned offices of PDB on or before 02.00 PM of 10-08-98.

The deposited applications of all 'A' class for new enlistment will be sent to Member-Secretary, 'A' class enlistment Committee, PDB, Dhaka i.e. Dy Secretary (Distribution), PDB, Dhaka on or before 31-08-98 positively.

The renewal contractors of PDB are informed to submit their applications for renewal alongwith enlistment book and all papers/ documents stated in the Enlistment Book to the Member-Secretary, 'A' class enlistment Committee, PDB, Dhaka i.e. Dy. Secretary (Distribution), PDB, Dhaka from 05.07.98 to 30.07.98 without fail. The incomplete applications will be liable to cancellation forthwith.

Biddut/Jana-7(6)/98-99 Md Monwar Hossain
DFP-15101-09/7/98 Secretary
G-1605 Power Development Board, Dhaka.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Directorate
Office of the Executive Engineer
Chandmari, Narayanganj

Memo No LGED/EE/N'ganj/CE-90/98/1250

Dated: 28-06-98

Notice for Renewal of Enlistment of Contractorship

All classes of contractors/contractorship firms under the Local Government Engineering Directorate, Narayanganj are hereby asked to renew registration for the 1998-99 fiscal year by depositing renewal fee in favour of the undersigned in the forms of Pay Order/Bank Draft from Agrani Bank, Court Road Branch, Narayanganj as per following timetable. No contractor/contractors' firms will be eligible for participation in any tender under LGED for the fiscal year 1998-99 without renewal of registration. Interested contractors can deposit their form for enlistment till 15-09-98 with necessary papers as new contractors by collecting the enlistment form on 31-08-98.

Serial no	Class of contractor	Renewal fee	Last date for submitting renewal fee without fine	Last date of submitting renewal fee with 50% fine	Last date of submitting renewal fee with 100% fine
01	Special class	2,000.00	31-08-98	31-10-98	31-12-98
02	A class	2,000.00	31-08-98	31-10-98	31-12-98
03	B class	1,000.00	31-08-98	31-10-98	31-12-98
04	C class	500.00	31-08-98	31-10-98	31-12-98

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