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News snaps

Water scarcity at Narayanganj

NARAYANGANJ, July 25: Acute scarcity of pure drinking water has hit the small town leading to an outbreak of water-borne diseases, reports UNB.

Townsmen attributed the water crisis in different parts of the town to WASA's inability to cope with the growing demand for water. When contacted Zahidul Arif, local Executive Engineer of WASA, said the water supply in the town has marked a fall due to low voltage of electricity in Godnali Pump House. Local people urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to resolve the crisis and thus mitigate their sufferings.

Dainik Bangla correspondents' meeting

KHAGRAKHARI, July 25: A meeting to discuss the backlog salaries and allowances of the district correspondents of now defunct Dainik Bangla will be held at Jatiya Press Club at 11 am on Sunday, reports UNB.

All the district correspondents of the daily have been requested to attend the meeting to be organised by Dainik Bangla Sangbadika Samiti.

Rly property theft: One gets 7-yr RI

Kulna, July 25: An additional magistrate here on Monday sentenced Ashraf Ali to seven years' Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) on charge of stealing railway property, reports BSS.

The convicted person was also fined Taka five thousand, in default to suffer one year more. RI Ashraf Ali was caught rehanded by a railway police while stealing away some railway property from Paksey junction, Pabna in 1996. Ashraf Ali was absconding while the judgement was pronounced.

Aus paddy to be cultivated on 15,680 hectares

CHUADANGA, July 25: A total of 15,680 hectares have been brought under Aus paddy cultivation in all the four thanas of Chuadanga district in the current Aus paddy cultivation season, reports BSS.

According to an official source, of the total land 2,650 hectares have been brought under cultivation in Chuadanga Sadar thana, 7,785 hectares in Alamdanga thana, 4,600 hectares in Damerhuda thana and 645 hectares in Jibannagar thana.

360 people receive old age allowance

ZURACHHARI (Rangamati), July 25: Three hundred sixty needy older people of Zurachhari thana received their pass-book of old age allowance from the Chairman of the Task Force on Tribal Refugee Rehabilitation Affairs, Dipankar Talukdar MP, reports BSS.

He addressed a ceremony giving old-age allowance as the chief guest, held at Zurachhari thana auditorium recently. Mohammad Sultan Akan, Thana Nirbahi Officer was in the chair. Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council, Chinglai Roza and Deputy Director of Rangamati unit of Social Services Directorate Arati Chakma were present in the meeting as the special guests, chairman of union parishads in the thana, local elite including tribal and non-tribal leaders attended the meeting.

Young man slaughtered

MEHERPUR, July 25: A young man was slaughtered by the members of outlawed Sarbahara Party in Sadar thana on Monday, reports BSS.

Police identified the victim as Kai of N village. They said the outlaws halted a bus to Boalnagar, killed Kai out of the bus and sprayed him with bullets before the slaying. In last one month, eight people were killed by the outlaws in the district, police said.

Teen killed in road accident

JESSORE, July 25: A teen-aged boy was killed in a road accident on Jessore-Kulna highway near Rajbari Konica petrol pump here on Thursday, reports UNB.

The accident occurred in the afternoon when a Jessore-bound ran over the boy, identified as Emdadul Haque, 16, of Kotwali thana, while he was crossing the road. Traffic on the road was disrupted for about three hours as angry people put up barricade on it protesting the accident. They also damaged 15 buses and five trucks on the road. The body was sent to Jessore General Hospital for autopsy. A case was filed.

Afforestation drives undertaken

NOAKHALI, July 25: Local Coastal Forest Resource Department has taken up a number of afforestation programmes in six thanas of the district under the Coastal Green Belt Project, reports UNB.

The programmes are plantation on unutilised lands of 25,000 dwelling houses, plantation of four lakh seeds, distribution of 1.4 lakh seeds and afforestation on both sides of a 122-km road, embankments and link roads. The department will collect eight lakh seeds of timber and fruit bearing trees during the period. To make its programme an allout success, the department has been carrying out a massive campaign in this regard.

Dacoity at rice mill

ISHURDI, July 25: A dacoity was committed at Azad Rice Mill near airport road on Lalpur-Ishurdi highway under Lalpur thana recently, reports BSS.

Police sources said, about six dacoits raided the rice mill belonging to Ashok Kumar Sarker and robbed about 50 maunds of paddy, one television set and about 20,000 Taka from the mill.

Pass-books distributed

BELAIKHARI (Rangamati), July 25: Chairman of the Task Force on Tribal Refugee Rehabilitation Affairs, Dipankar Talukdar MP distributed 270 pass-books to 270 distressed old people here, reports BSS.

The pass-books will give them access to the old-age allowance programme of the government. Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council, Chinglai Roza, and other officers were present on the occasion. A total of 3,236 old people of seven thanas in the district are enjoying the allowance.

2 alleged dacoits arrested

MADARIPUR, July 25: Rajbir thana police arrested two alleged dacoits in a raid at Kesermore under Amgram recently, reports BSS.

Police sources said, the dacoits were preparing there to commit dacoity. Acting on a tip-off, police gheraoed the area and caught the dacoits red-handed and recovered two pipe guns, seven bullets, two daggers and eight cocktails from their possession. The arrested persons were identified as Sujed, 25, and Aynal, 30. A case was filed with Rajbir Police Station in this connection.

Lalmirhat divn of Rly earns Tk 26.32 cr

RANGPUR, July 25: The Lalmirhat division of Bangladesh Railway earned Tk 26.32 crore during the last fiscal year, reports UNB.

Officials said the highest collection came from goods carriage as it carried 4.46 lakh mt of goods earning Tk 19 crore while Tk 10 crore by carrying over 33 lakh passengers during the period.

Contrabands seized

SATKHIRA, July 25: The members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized various kinds of Indian contraband goods worth over Taka 3.70 lakh and arrested one person in this connection last week, reports BSS.

BDR members of 21 Battalion of Satkhira in several drives raided the Ruddrapur, Vatsala, Goga, Boikari, Kayba, Jhajdanga, Sakatna, Madra, Chandura, Sonabaria, Tolugach and Satani border areas of the district and seized the Indian contraband goods smuggled into Bangladesh. BDR sources said, the goods included sugar, salt, sarees, onion, cumin seeds, potato, bi-cycle, spare-parts of bi-cycle and motor cycle and bidi. BDR arrested Anwarul Islam of village Gayaspur in this connection. The goods were deposited to the Satkhira Customs godown.

540 received old age allowance

KISHOREGANJ, July 21: Some 540 people in Mitamoin thana of the district have received old-age allowance for three months, reports UNB.

Deputy Speaker Adv Abdul Hamid distributed pass books among them in a ceremony held at local Thana Parishad Office on Monday. TNO Sampad Barua presided over the function. Deputy Commissioner AMM Farhad, SP Chowdhury Ahsanul Kabir, Deputy Director of Social Welfare Department Julfikar Haidar, Shahabuddin Thakur and Rasheduddin Ahmed, among others, were present.

Attack on police
One gets life term imprisonment

From Our Correspondent
MAGURA, July 25: One person has been awarded life-term and additional seven years' Rigorous Imprisonment (RI) for charging police with arms and possessing illegal arms. The convicted person is Brindabon Sarkar, 46, of Molladanga in Sripur thana.

Md A Hye, District, Sessions and Tribunal Judge, Magura delivered the judgement recently.

The prosecution story, in brief is, the convicted person, Brindabon shot bullet from his pistol when police charged him at village Sabdalpur on June 2, 1996. Then Sripur thana police caught the terrorist red-handed with pistol and bullet.

Police also recovered a country-made pipe gun from the house of the convicted person.

Corruption case against
2 LGRD engineers

KHAGRAKHARI, July 25: Local Bureau of Anti-Corruption has filed a case against two LGRD engineers and a contractor for their alleged involvement in corruption, reports UNB.

Officials said the case has been filed against present executive engineer of the LGRD Nurul Alam, its former executive engineer Mustafa Kamal Pasha and contractor Abul Kashem Chowdhury.

The engineers reportedly misused their power to help contractor Kashem in winning the contract of a road development work in 1996-1997 fiscal.

According to the case, Pasha, now transferred to Cox's Bazar, had allegedly taken Tk 20 lakh from Kashem to help him avoid the lottery for selecting the lowest bidder.

In its case, the Bureau alleged that there were at least eight bidders whose rates were far below the rate of Kashem's application.

Kurigram Bar
ASSOC executives

From Our Correspondent
KURIGRAM, July 25: The election of Kurigram District Bar Association was held here recently.

The elected office-bearers of the association for two years term are as follows: President - Advocate Idris Ali, Vice-President - Advocate Khalilur Rahman, General Secretary - Advocate ATM Enamul Haque

Advocate Khurshid Alim, Office Secretary - Advocate Ataur Rahman, Cultural Secretary - Advocate Abul Kashem, Library Secretary - Advocate Anwarul Haque, Treasurer - Advocate Musa Mia.

Executive members: Ramesh Chandra Sarker, Soleman Ali, Jannal Uddin, Nurul Huda, Mokhlesur Rahman, Emdadul Haque, Rezul Kabir, Iqbal Hossain, Mokhlesur, Khondokar Mohabat Ali and Amir Uddin.

320 bottles of
phenisidyl
seized in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent
SATKHIRA, July 25: The jawans of 21 Rifles battalion recovered 320 bottles of phenisidyl syrup from Hijaldi area in Kalaroa thana recently.

Local BDR sources said that their personnel, acting on a secret information, had challenged a group of smugglers. The smugglers left phenisidyl syrup and fled away following BDR challenge.

Another report adds: A passer-by was killed when a motorcycle knocked him down near Kaligonj bazar village on Kaligonj-Shyamnagar road recently.

The victim has been identified as Abdur Rahman, 28, of Kaligonj bazar village in Kaligonj thana.

According to police sources, Mokhlesur Rahman, 24, of Kalia in Satkhira pourasava was coming from Shyamnagar to Kaligonj by riding a motorcycle. When he reached the place of occurrence, the passer-by was knocked down by his motorcycle. The passer-by died on the spot.

3 incidents claim

5 lives in
Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, July 25: Five people were killed and 10 others injured in three incidents in the district on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Of them, three were killed in road accidents while two others in a boat capsized. Police said Abdul Aziz, 20, of Varanga village in Kamarkhanda thana was crushed under the wheels of a bus near Bangabandhu Bridge.

Two unidentified people, aged about 25, died and 10 others were injured when a Pabna-bound bus dived into a roadside ditch at Deidur in Ullara thana on Wednesday.

Three of the injured were admitted to Sadar Hospital.

Besides, Hela Khatun, 30, and her two-year-old daughter were killed when a boat sank in the Karotola river in Shahjadpur thana on Wednesday morning.

Separate cases were filed with the local police.

GAZIPUR, July 25: Yet another incident of burglary was committed at the official residence of the district Sub-judge and Assistant Sessions Judge within 10 months but police failed to arrest the culprits, reports UNB.

The second burglary occurred at his College Road official residence in broad day light after Sub-judge Hussain Ahmed went to the court on Wednesday. The burglars broke open the window grill and entered the house. They broke open the steel almirah, searched for valuables and left safely with clothes and other household items. It might have been occurred between 8 am and 1 pm.

Police visited the house after the incident and a case was filed. Police arrested four people from a nearby slum for interrogation.

A similar burglary took place at the same house on September 27 last year when burglars broke open the window grill and decamped with a double-barrel gun, cassette player, clothes and other valuables worth about Tk one lakh. Police could not trace or yet nab any person in connection with the incident.

After Monday's burglary, local people wondered about the law and order situation in the district town. Several such incidents of theft and burglary were committed at different houses of officers in recent time. They feel that an organised group might have been involved behind these series of crimes and dacoities in Gazipur, evading the police.

The body was sent to the Sadar Hospital for autopsy. The culprit went into hiding after the murder. A case was filed with the police.



SHERPUR: A girls' high school at Kamarerchar has been submerged by flood water.

— Star photo by Ratan Chowdhury

50,000 marooned people yet to get relief in Pabna

From Ranesh Maitra

PABNA, July 25: An acute problem of water-logging has been prevailing in the pourashava areas of Pabna, Ishardi, Bera, Santhia and Chatmohar due to incessant and heavy showers.

Lack of proper drainage system and construction of embankments around the towns without keeping any scope for draining out accumulated rain water is the only reason for such waterlogging. As a result municipal markets, educational institutions and roads in low-lying areas of the towns have been submerged.

Over 50,000 men, women and children are still marooned and no rescue operation has been done till filling of this report. Boats and banana plants are not available in adequate number.

About 80,000 persons who have taken shelter on the flood control embankment or other highlands.

In Bera, Bhangoora, Shahzadpur, Ullara and Tarash thanas nearly 300 flood victims have already been attacked with diarrhoea and ty-

phoid. No death report has been received as yet. When contacted with the Civil Surgeon, Pabna, he told this correspondent that he had already held meetings with all officials at thana level. He had alerted them, supplied adequate medicines to combat any alarming situation. According to him, the hospitals were also equipped to take immediate emergency measures. Medical teams have also been formed in every thana and they are kept ready for 24 hours.

Prices of essentials have shot up both in rural and urban areas. Acute scarcity of kerosene oil, match, boxes, salt and edible oil has been prevailing. Prices of vegetables of all varieties have also gone up and their supply in the markets has also reduced abnormally.

Illegal fire arms possessor held

Jhenidah, July 25: Police seized fire arms and ammunition and arrested a man in a joint raid at Harinakuda here and Kushtha Sadar early this month, reports UNB.

The arrested man was identified as Tulu. The arms include one sawed-off rifle, one short machine gun and more than 100 live bullets.

Acting on a tip, Jhenidah and Kushtha police jointly raided the neighbouring villages of Teltupi in Harinakuda thana and Abdalpur in Kushtha Sadar on July 10 to arrest the armed groups while they were preparing for a clash with the locals.

Police chased four armed men on their way to Abdalpur and seized the arms and a motor cycle when the group left these behind in their attempt to escape. On their way back police

They went to the shop of Huq Brothers and recovered Tk 20,000 which was demanded earlier to the shop owner who informed the matter to the local police.

A case was lodged with the police.

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Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from person/firm/traders for sale of the old office of Bangladesh Jatiya Mohila Sangstha at 145, New Baily Road (as and where it is).

Description: One two-storied building and adjoining semi-pucca buildings

Terms and Conditions:

1. Schedule containing terms and conditions of auction notice will be available from the office of the undersigned till 06-08-98 during office hours on payment of Taka 500 (five hundred) in cash (non-refundable).
2. Tenders will be received at the tender box kept at the office of undersigned till 2.00 PM on 09-08-98 and will be opened at 2.30 PM office of undersigned in presence of participants in tender (if anyone remains present).
3. No schedule will be sold after 06-08-98 and no tender will be received after the expiry of stipulated