News snaps

5 drains under construction in Tangail TANGAIL, Aug 9: Five drains of total length of 2,470 meter are being constructed in Tangail poura area in this fiscal under mid town development work, at a total cost of Tk 55,31,161, re-

ports BSS. Official sources said that the work will be done under the supervision of the project implementation unit of the pourashava within three months' time. A substantial development in the drainage system of the poura area will be done with the completion of this work, the sources added.

Aman to be cultivated on 5.20 lakh hectares RANGPUR, Aug 9: Some 5.20 lakh hectares of land will be brought under Aman cultivation during this season in five dis-

tricts of greater Rangpur, reports UNB. The districts are Rangpur, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat and Nilphamari. Agriculture Extension Department sources said about 7.80 lakh metric tons of Aman paddy is expected to be produced with the successful implementation of the scheme. Different commercial banks including Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank disbursed soft loans to the farmers and BADC distributed 560 metric tons of condenses the farmers and BADC distributed 562 metric tons of seeds among the farmers to make the scheme a success.

HSC course at Sarada Sundari College

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Aug 9: Bangladesh Open University (BOU) has introduced Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) course at local government Sarada Sundary Mahila College from the current

academic session (1998-99). The HSC course has offered history, economics, civics and sociology as optional subjects besides English and Bengali as compulsory. Persons both male and female of any age who had passed SSC examination are eligible for admission in the course. The admission will continue during the month of August. Interested persons have been advised to contact the college authority for details.

Discussion on pry education

SHERPUR, Aug 9: A discussion on universal primary education was held last week at the district education office here in observance of the National Education Week '98, reports BSS.

Matiur Rahman Atiq MP was present at the discussion as chief guest while Deputy Commissioner, Sherpur Nowefel Miah as special guest. Presided over by Krishna Sen Gupta, district education officer, the discussion was addressed, among others, by Principal Akhtaruzzaman, Principal M A Karim and Principal Shubhas Chandra Roy. The discussion was followed by a prize distribution ceremony and cultural function.

Discussion on fish production

THAKURGAON, Aug 9: The National Fish Week '98 was observed in the district headquarters and five thana headquarters under Thakurgoan district through various programmes, reports BSS.

A rally organised by the district fisheries department was brought out on the occasion. The rally participated among others, by Ramesh Chandra Sen MP Deputy Commissioner M A Baqi and District Fisheries Officer Anisur Rahman Bhuiya paraded the main thoroughfare of the town. A discussion on fish production was held in the auditorium of Thakurgoan municipality last week to mark the occasion. Training programmes for the pisciculturists were held in five thanas of the district.

Publication ceremony

BARISAL, Aug 9: Publication ceremony of a book entitled 'health information' was held in the conference room of the divisional commissioner here, reports BSS.

Organised by the divisional information office, the function was attended by the Divisional Commissioner Yeahia Mollah as the chief guest. Presided over by M Alauddin, Deputy Commissioner, Barisal, the function was addressed, among others, by Haroon-al-Rashid, Deputy Director, Divisional Information Office, Sushil Kumar Das, UNICEF Project Co-ordinator, Barisal, Dr Altaf Uddin Ahmed, Civil Surgeon, Barisal and Md Abdul Mannan, Deputy Director, Primary Education Department, Barisal Division.

Schoolboy electrocuted

MYMENSINGH, Aug 9: A schoolboy was electrocuted as he came in touch of a snapped live-wire at Kushtia-Kabariakanda village in Sadar thana Wednesday, reports UNB.

Police said the victim, identified as Muniruzzaman, 10, a student of class four, met the tragic end of his life while climbing upon the roof of a tinshed building at his maternal uncle's house. A UD case was filed.

Housewife killed by husband

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 9: A young housewife was strangulated to death allegedly by her husband at Barabo village in Sonargaon thana early Thursday, reports UNB.

Police identified the victim as Ruby Khatun, 20, who was

found hanging from a ceiling fan. Family sources alleged that Mosharraf Hossain, husband of the victim, used to torture Ruby for dowry since their marriage. Mosharraf went into hiding after the incident. A case was filed.

Tagore's death anniversary observed

KUSHTIA, Aug 9: Fifty-seventh death anniversary of Poet Rabindranath Tagore was observed here on Thursday in a be-

fitting manner, reports BSS.

Different educational institutions and organisation observed the day by holding discussion meetings and cultural functions. Jatiyo Rabindra Sangeet Sammilan Parishad, Kushtia branch organised a discussion meeting and cultural function at Shilpakala Academy in the evening. M Abdus Salam, Deputy Commissioner, Kushtia was the chief guest, while M Kalik Khosru, Police Super and Anowar Ali, Chairman, Kushtia Pourasava were the special guests. The function was addressed, among others, by Prof Sarwar Murshed and Advocate Halim Hoque.

Relief materials distributed

MADARIPUR, Aug 9: Former State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Syed Abul Hossain, MP, distributed relief materials among the flood affected people at his constituency in Kalkini and Sadar thanas on Friday, reports UNB.

Hossain organised the relief operation from his personal fund for 350 people at Kalkini municipal area and 250 people in each of the 20 unions. The former state minister, accompanied by DC and other district and thana level officers, extensively visited the flood-hit areas and assessed the extent of loss and damage caused by flood and river erosion.

Bullets recovered SATKHIRA, Aug 9: Police recovered 324 rounds of bullets from a pond in village Chokerkanda in Tala thana of the dis-

trict on Tuesday, reports BSS. Acting on a tip-off Tala thana police led by OC, Shahidul Islam and sub-inspector Barkatali raided the house of one Mazed Sardar of village Chokerkanda at Nogorghata area and recovered 324 rounds of bullets full in a bag from the pond of Mazed Sardar in presence of the local chairman Tazel Sardar. A case was filed with Tala thana police in this connection. Mazed Sardar managed to escape.

Flood victims in misery

GAZIPUR, Aug 9: Thousands of landless people of various flood affected areas in the district have been suffering seriously for want of pure water, sanitation facility and shelter, reports

Local people said more than 5,000 flood-hit people have taken shelter at Konabari, Kashimpur, Duttapara rehabilitation centre and Biswa Ijtema premises. These poor people are living in sub-human condition as there is no enough food supply, shelter, pure water and sanitation for them. Different water-borne diseases have reportedly been spread among the people specially among the children. About 1,000 slum dwellers from Tejgaon area of the capital have been rehabilitated at Duttapara rehabilitation centre here in the last month without any arrangement of shelter and living supports for them.

Discussion on Hazrat Muhammad (SM)

MANIKGANJ, Aug 9: A discussion meeting on "Hazrat Muhammad (SM): The Emancipator of Humanity" was held in the auditorium of Manikganj Government High School on Monday, reports BSS.

The meeting was organised by Islamic Cultural Forum, Manikganj, a socio-cultural organisation. A N M Abdul Mannan Khan, Professor of Arabic at Dhaka University was present as chief guest in the discussion.

Presided over by Principal Ali Ahmad, the meeting was addressed by Maulana Mohammad Musa, Principal Manikgani Kamil Madrasa, Maulana Md Abdul Jalil, Imam Manikgani Jame Masjid, Professor Habibur Rahman Khan, Principal Manikganj Government Mohila College, Professor Majibar Rahman of Devendra College, Professor A A A Assaduzzaman, Principal Devendra College, Professor Md Ali Akbar Principal Government Daragram College and Md Harun Chowdhury, Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rev) Manikganj.







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NARAYANGANJ: Flood water submerged (1) BIWTA terminal premises (2) Sonargaon Folk Museum and (3) Narayanganj Sadar thana area.

Flood situation in Netrakona district improving

NETRAKONA, Aug 9: The overall flood situation in Netrakona district has been improving day by day with receding of flood water from the affected areas, reports BSS.

The flood has caused extensive damage to crops and property in the district, local people and officials say.

According to official sources, a total of 1,023 square kilometres area of 58 union under nine thanas of Netrakona district were inundated by flood

More than 1,36,706 people have been affected by the flood in the district. Standing crops including Aman seed beds and vegetables on 4,055 hectares were damaged totally and the crops on 2,721 hectares of land damaged partially.

The flood has caused damage

JESSORE, Aug 9: A total of

15 cases of murders, 500 cases

of dacoities and 300 cases of

hijackings took place besides

looting of fire-arms and valu-

ables worth crores of taka. It

has been happening in various

road-transports, trains and

river transports in 10 districts of

the southwestern region of the

country following deterioration

of law and order situation dur-

ing the last two and a half

high-way robberies were com-

mitted in 1996, 162 in 1997 and

50 in first six months of the

current year. Most robberies

took place near Nowpara on

Jessore-Khulna highway

Bagherpara on Jessore -Narail

Barabazar, Jhenidah, Magura

and Faridpur points on Jessore-

committed by stopping vehicles

by road barricades and beating

passengers indiscriminately

holding the drivers and trans-

bery on Khulna-Dhaka, Be-

napole-Dhaka and Satkhira-

Dhaka highways increased

Housewife attacked

by brother-in-law

From Our Correspondent

housewife was seriously injured

here recently when she was at-

Jaismin, wife of Baki Talukder

of village Diapara in Na-

garkanda thana inflicted seri-

ous injuries with sharp

weapons by her brother-in-law.

She was admitted to Faridpur

Medical College Hospital and

was released soon though she

needed some more medical at-

case with Nagarkanda thana on

the next day of the incident ac-

cusing five persons. But non of

the accused has yet been ar-

rested. On the contrary, the ac-

cused and their relatives have

been posing threats to Jaismin

and her brother for withdraw-

porters at Faridpur Press-club

that her husband had been

working in Dubai and regularly

sending handsome money to

her father-in-law. Recently her

husband stopped sending

money and this made her-in-

The victim told the local re-

ing the case.

laws angry.

The victim's brother filed a

tacked by her brother-in-law.

FARIDPUR, Aug 9; :A

The victim, Mosammat

Robbery in buses at Dumuria

largely during this period.

According to a source, rob-

All these robberies were

Dhaka highway.

ports staff hostage.

According to reports, 170

years.

to 2,304 kutcha house, 127 kilometres of kutcha road, 10 kilometres of pucca road, 13 kilometres of embankments, 21 bridge and culverts, 68 educational institutions and 828

Meanwhile, Netrakona district administration distributed 136 metric tons of rice and a cash of Taka 1,13,000 among the flood-stricken people of the district, the official sources added.

tubewells, the sources said.

BSS from Madaripur reports: Flood water started receding slowly from Madaripur town and four thanas of the district since Friday last. At least 9,58,300 people in 57 unions under four thanas of the district have been affected by the flood.

According to district administration sources, 63,000 houses

RAJSHAHI: Chowdhury Sharif Hasan, who topped the merit list of Science group in SSC

Crimes galore in Jessore during

two and a half years

From Atiur Rahman

and Tala on Khulna-Satkhira

Dhaka highway via Moheshpur

also went up during this period.

were looted by dacoits near

Rampal on Khulna-Mongla

road. Dacoits killed five busi-

Anniversary

of death

From Our Correspondent

enth anniversary of death of

Srish Chandra Ghose, an em-

mient teacher and social

worker was observed here recently under the auspices of Sr-

ish Babu Memorial Committee.

sion meeting was held at Farid-

pur High School auditorium

with Dr Noni Gopal Saha in the

chair. Mr Zainul Abedin, Head

master of the school was the

chief guest on the occasion. Prof

MA Samad, Dr Amulya Chan-

dra Roy, Munshi Harun-or-

Rashid, Rahagobinda Saha.

Abdul latif Buiyya, Head master

Abdus Sattar Mondal and Mafiz

Imam addressed the meeting

highlighting the activities of

late Srish Babu.

In this connection, a discus-

FARIDPUR, Aug 9: The sev-

During last June, two buses

highway and Chougacha-

examination under Rajshahi Board, is seen with his parents.

were fully and about 657-km roads, 64 bridge and culverts were partially damaged besides standing crops on 16,131 hectares were also damaged.

According to official statistics 35 people, 135 cattleheads and 2235 poultry birds died in four thanas during the last two

Deputy Commissioner. Madaripur distributed 111 tonnes of rice, Taka one lakh in cash, 5000 pieces of sarees, 1000 pieces of lungies, 2000 old clothes and 100 tins of biscuits as relief among the flood affected people.

Al-haj Ferdaous Jamader. president of Madaripur District Awami League, personally dis-tributed 120 maunds of ata and Taka one lakh in cash among the flood distressed in the dis-

- Star photo

nessmen near Sonadanga and

Khalishpur on Jessore-Khulna

highway and dacoits killed

three other passengers at

Jhenaidah and Magura points

on Jessore-Dhaka highway dur-

ing the same period. Police in-

formed that highway robbery

marked a rise in this region

during the period from January

travelling in night coaches on

Jessore-Dhaka highway, told

The Daily Star that withdrawal

of security force from night

coaches created an opportunity

It may be mentioned here

According to a report dacoits

for the dacoits to rob the pas-

that earlier, in all night

coaches, there was deployment

killed one police Habilder Joy-

nal Abedin and looted away

four rifles and 40 rounds of

bullets from a train near

Ansarbaria station on February

28, 1996. Dacoits also killed

one Ansar Commander Azizul

Haque and looted away one

SMG and seven rifles from po-

lice in a train near Barabazor

station in separate operations

on August 28, 1997.

A number of businessmen,

1996 to June 1998.

of security force.

sengers.

Allegations against Charfasion OC being investigated

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Aug 9: The Officer-in-Charge(OC) of Charfasion thana of Bhola district has been closed on August 2. Following an order of Mokhlesur Rahman, Police Super of Bhola, the OC, Moslehuddin has been closed.

Besides, Nasiruzzaman, First Class Magistrate of Bhola has been given the responsibility to investigate into the allegations filed against him. It may be recalled here. Bibi Rahima lodged a case of rape and physical torture in the court of Firstst Class Magistrate Smriti Rani against the OC on July 30. The Magistrate after a primary hearing ordered for a departmental inquiry about the allegations.

Meanwhile, the district Police Super Mokhlesur Rahman visited Charfasion on Saturday and talked to the local people and inquired about the allegations filed against the OC.

Meanwhile, Abdul Mannan Howladar and Principal DN Faruque, President and Secretary respectively of Charfasion thana Awami League in a statement termed the case filed against OC Moslehuddin as an arranged case, false and base-

Kushtia College JCD protests

Rubel's killing From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, Aug 9: Jatiy-otabadi Chattra Dal(JCD) of Kushtia Government University College brought out a big procession on Sunday last protesting killing of Rubel under police custody.

The processionists paraded the campus and assembled at the Shahid Minar premises to hold a rally.

The rally presided over by Osman Ghani was addressed, among others, by JCD member Abdus Salam, Zaman, Mohammad Ali Khan Apu and Hafizur Rahman. The speakers condemned the killing of Rubel and said that Rubel, a meritorious student who has no connection with student politics was killed by police torture. There is no guarantee of natural death in a country like ours as the government is a fascist one.

The rally demanded exemplary punishment to those responsible for his killing.

Facts for Life's Bangla

version launched RANGAMATI, Aug 9: Publication ceremony "Shasthya Tothya," version of "Facts for Life", was held on Wednesday Bangla at the conference room of the Rangamati Hill District Local Government Council, reports BSS.

Ching Kieu Roaza, chairman of the council, was the chief guest while Shah Alam, Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati, presided over the function.

The book was published by Ministry of Information in collaboration with UNICEF.

Roaza urged all participants to communicate the message of the book to all concerned to achieve the target of development of children and mothers of Bangladesh.

Fifty participants, including union parishad chairmen, teachers of different educational institutions, thana nirbahi officers, journalists and NGO workers attended the ceremony.

Dr Nazrul Islam from district civil surgeon's office made a review on the book.

Non-govt school students deprived of library facility

From Monojit Kumar Das

MAGURA, Aug 9: Thousands of students in non-government educational institutions including secondary schools and madrasaas of greater Jessore district are not getting library facilities due to the absence of proper library system, according to reliable sources.

Most of secondary schools and madrasaas in the districts of Magura, Jhenidah, Narail. and Jessore have no separate library with reading room and on duty librarian. According to the official

sources of these institutions, it is compulsory to issue library books to the students and teachers regularly from institution's own library . As a result, the school authority has to buy books for library, though there is no separate library and librarian for operating library works in the schools and madrasaas.

While talking to some heads of the non -government educational institutions under secondary and madrasha level they told the correspondent, there is no compulsory provision in the staffing pattern in their institutions for appointing librarian though library works are compulsory in every school and madrasaa. As there in no library room and librarian, the students and teachers do not get library facilities smoothly, especially in the rural areas, they added.

Most of the schools and

madrasaas in the district assign teachers without pay. After their routine-work the extra load of library assignments becomes very stressful. This problem exists not only in the greater Jessore district, but also other districts of the country Abu Naser Mohammad Wahid, Head master of a secondary school in Jhenidah district told the correspondent that it was possible to open school library by assigning a teacher when the number of students were small

some years back. Education Department introduced more new subjects in the higher classes of the secondary schools. But Education Department did not take the initiative for appointing teachers for Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Social Science, Religion and Economics, before introducing these subjects. As a result, teachers of the secondary schools are heavily loaded with their works.

Most of the secondary schools and madrasaas have no qualified games teacher, though games and sports are essential co-curriculum activities.

The local school and madrasaha authorities urged the concerned government department to take immediate steps for establising separate library and appointing librarian in each school and madrasaa for conducting library works smoothly in the above mentioned institutions.

2 killed in separate incidents in Comilla

COMILLA, Aug 9: A youth was hacked to death at Gasigram in Chouddagram thana here on Monday night, reports UNB on a dead in be of and

Police and witnesses said Kamal Mia, a tenant of Razzak Mia of the village, was allegedly chopped to death by his fellow tenants. But the reason behind the murder could not be known immediately. Police arrested all the four

accused in this connection. The body was sent to the Sadar hospital for autopsy. Another report from Kushtia

adds: A Jubo League worker was stabbed to death by a group of armed terrorists at Cheuria village of Kumarkhali thana here on Monday night.

Witnesses said the armed assailants led by Saiful alias Lipa

of the area gheraoed the club where the victim Raju Ahmed, 27. a student of Islamia College, was playing carom with his The terrorists then fired

gunshots to create panic in the area. Sensing danger, the friends of Raju fled the scene but Raju while fleeing fell into a ditch and was stabbed mercilessly by the terrorists. Hearing the hue and cry

nearby people rushed to the spot and caught the injured Lipa red handed and sent Raju to Kushtia Sadar Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Lipa sustained injuries when

the bomb he wanted to hurl at the people gathered there exploded in his hand suddenly. A case was registered with the police.

BKB to disburse Tk 1.10 cr agri-loan among poor people

RAJBARI, Aug 9: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) with the help of Bangladesh Rural Development Board has set a target to disburse Tk 1.10 crore agri-loan in two thanas of the district during first phase of the current fiscal year, reports UNB. BKB, under its Poverty Alle-

viation Programme, will disburse the loan in Goalundo and Kaliakandi thanas for small business, cottage industries, pottery, livestock, rural transportation and vegetable cultiva-Director General of Barisal

region BKB inaugurated the programme through distributing loan among 21 landless people on July 23. Meanwhile, BKB disbursed Tk 11.32 crore as agri-loan in the district in the last fiscal year.

According to official sources, the bank disbursed the amount through its 13 branches among 11,000 farmers. Of the money, Tk 7.42 crore has been disbursed in crop cultivation and the rest in other sectors.

BKB has already realised Tk

11.03 crore outstanding loan

from 8,522 farmers during the

Another report adds: Youth Development Department disbursed Tk 22.17 lakh loan in three thanas here in the fiscal 1997-98 for alleviation of

poverty and unemployment. The loan was disbursed

among 262 male and female members to make them self-reliant. The department has also provided training to 1,062 young people during the period.

Faridpur becomes a paradise of terrorists From Our Correspondent town after his office work. FARIDPUR, Aug 9; Faridpur town has become a paradise of Acts of terrorism took place

terrorists leaving the town dwellers into dark despair. The

people of the town are being haunted by night-mare. Fifteen incidents of terrorism were in the town in one month. Ten persons were injured in

a bloody clash in broad-day light in Alipur area of the town. One person was beaten and stabbed near Faridpur General Hospital. A group of armed terrorists got into Faridpur general hospital and inflicted serious injuries on a patient who was just brought out from operation theatre in presence of doctors, nurses and other employees of the hospital.

A bearer of Government Saroda Sundari Mahila College was badly beaten up by some terrorists in the college premises. A bank employee named Shahidul Islam was seriously wounded by some known terrorists when he was returning home at Alipur in the

on a hartal day. In the incident 15 persons including four policemen were injured. Lelin who was seriously injured was shifted to Dhaka.

Wife beaten to death allegedly by husband

By Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 9: A housewife was beaten to death allegedly by her husband in Rupsha thana

by her husband Bablu Biswas for dowry, police said. Bablu is absconding. Doctors at Sadar Hospital conducted postmortem examination on

the body.



NARAYANGANJ: Secretary General of the Institute of Democratic Rights (IDR) Barrister Rabeya Bhuiyan MP distributed relief materials among the flood victims at different places of Sonargaon under Narayanganj on Thursday and Friday.