

News snaps

Flood situation reviewed

NOAKHALI, Aug 24: Obaidul Qader, State Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture reviewed the overall flood situation and relief operations in the six flood-hit thanas of the district at a meeting of the government officials, political leaders local elite and journalists here. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner, reports BSS.

The state minister also visited some flood affected areas under Sadar, Begumganj, Chakhlil and Companiganj thanas and distributed relief materials. Qader said, the government has taken a massive post flood rehabilitation programme.

Rich people urged to help flood victims

BARURA (Comilla), Aug 24: Minister Abdul Matin Khasru has called upon the social organisations and well-to-do section of the society to supplement government efforts to tackle the present flood problem, reports BSS.

Speaking at a rally in connection with the National Mourning Day here, the minister appealed to the people irrespective of party affiliations to come forward in aid of the distressed humanity imbued with the spirit of the Liberation War.

Housing project opens

RAJSHAHI, Aug 24: State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Prof Jinnatunnesa Talukder inaugurated a housing project at Kandra village in Putia thana here on Sunday, reports UNB.

The project was set up on 1.34 acres of land under the supervision of the Bangladesh Armed Forces where initially 10 families will be rehabilitated. Facilities Department of the Education Ministry implemented the project at a cost of Tk 39 lakh. Later, the State Minister laid the foundation stone of the new building of Kandra Primary School, implemented by Primary and Mass Education Department costing Tk 6 lakh. She also inaugurated the newly-built two-storied Academic Bhaban of Putia Women's College.

Scarcity of 'Aman' seeds

JESSORE, Aug 24: The scarcity of 'Aman' seeds is hampering its cultivation in 21 thanas of greater Jessore during the current season, reports UNB.

Farmers and agriculture officials said a large part of the region's land in four districts will remain uncultivated due to the scarcity of seeds. Officials said BADC has supplied only three per cent Aman seeds of the total requirement in this region comprising Jessore, Jhenidha, Magura and Narail districts. Local farmers said they need different varieties of seeds including hybrid, mini-cut, IR-50 and Sharna to cultivate on over 2.16 lakh hectares of land. They admitted that they have to collect these from various sources including the smuggled seeds from neighbouring India to meet the requirement.

'Shwashta Tathya' launched

RANGPUR, Aug 24: The launching ceremony of a government publication entitled 'Shwashta Tathya' sponsored by the Ministry of Information was held on August 19 in the district Shilpakala Academy auditorium, reports BSS.

Presided over by additional district magistrate Khurshid Alam, the function was addressed by district information officer Mozaharul Islam, Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) of Mithapukur Fazul Karim Beg, TNO, Pirganj Md Alauddin and Deputy Civil Surgeon Dr Muzbar Rahman. About 100 copies of the book were distributed among the government and non-government officers, local journalists and social workers of the district.

Tree fair concludes

MYMENSINGH, Aug 24: A four-day tree fair organised jointly by the forest department and seed foundation concluded here recently, reports BSS.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr M Amanullah inaugurated the fair at the local town hall maidan. Presided over by Deputy Commissioner Md Rafiqul Islam the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by advocate Moslem Uddin, MP, district Awami League president Alhaj Md Matur Rahman, General Secretary Nazimuddin Ahmed, Director, Seed Foundation Prof Noor Muhammad Talukdar and Divisional Forest Officer Rezaul Sikder. Speaking on the occasion the state minister called upon the people of all walks of life to plant trees not only for ecological balance but also in the greater interest of our national economy. Twenty-one stalls of saplings of different trees were set up in the fair.

Tk 4.40 lakh Barisal Public Library budget

BARISAL, Aug 24: A total of Tk 4.40 lakh budget was announced for the public library of Barisal divisional town recently for the fiscal 1998-99 year, reports BSS.

M Alauddin, Deputy Commissioner, Barisal and president of the library announced this budget in the auditorium of the library in presence of the executive members of the library and the journalists. The main head of income will come from the government grant and house rent. M Abdul Bari placed the annual report in the meeting. The budget passed unanimously after three-hour discussion.

Ghosh community facing problems

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 24: The Ghosh community of the district, famous for making delicious sweetmeat, pure ghee and many other milk products, are facing numerous problems to carry out their occupation, reports UNB.

The community of Hossainpur, Itna, Katiadi, Pakundia, Bajipur, Karimganj, Nikli, Austagram, Bhairob, Sadar, Tarail and Kularchar thanas used to meet the entire demand of the district. At present, only a few people of the community are engaged in the profession and others have given up due to non-availability of pure milk, high price of sugar and other necessary inputs. Milk production has reduced abnormally for shortage of milch cows causing price-hike in the market. The existing production of milk is unable to meet the requirement of various milk-products.

LGED implements uplift schemes

BARGUNA, Aug 24: Some 139 uplift schemes in the Amtali thana of the district have been implemented during the last fiscal year, reports UNB.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) implemented the schemes under the Annual Development Programme (ADP). According to the sources, Tk 46.25 lakh was spent for successful implementation of the schemes which included construction and reconstruction of educational institutions, roads and highways and culverts. Besides, bridges were also constructed at Kachupatra bazar, Pochakoria bazar and Talukder hat under RDP-16 with the financial assistance of Denmark Government. With the implementation of the schemes civic facilities of the people including communication network have been improved in the thana to a great extent.

Restaurants creating health hazard

TANGAIL, Aug 24: Restaurants across the district have been creating health hazards for the customers by serving food in unhygienic condition, reports UNB.

Local people and customers complained that almost all the hotels and restaurants are grossly violating the relevant rules as there is no surveillance from the part of Sanitary Inspector or concerned authorities. They said most of the restaurants are dirty, stinky and unhygienic. Prepared foods are being kept open and there are flies and other insects as well as dust from the roads. There is allegation that stale food are being sold in a good number of hotels and restaurants posing threat to the lives of the customers. The men who serve foods to the customers in these food shops and those involved in cooking keep themselves in extremely unclean conditions.

Acid thrown on young woman

SATKHIRA, Aug 24: Shima Aktar, 30, suffered serious burn injuries at her father's residence at village Keshu under Tala thana when two alleged notorious terrorists reportedly threw acid on her on Tuesday night, reports BSS.

Police sources said, notorious terrorists Babu Sardar, 30, and Moshur Rahman, 22, of the same village allegedly threw acid on Shima Aktar when she was sleeping in the verandah of her father's residence. She was immediately taken to Khulna 250-bed hospital. Shima's father Hazrat Ali filed a case with Tala thana in this connection.

Cotton farming falls short of target

JESSORE, Aug 24: The target of cotton cultivation in the Jessore zone could not be achieved during the current season due to various reasons, reports UNB.

According to a source of the local Cotton Development Board a total of 7,892 hectares of land against the target of 11,000 hectares have been brought under the cultivation. There are 18 different units under Jessore Zone. The cultivation target failed due to unfavourable weather condition, price-hike of fertilisers and pesticides, shortage of quality cotton seeds. However, the source hoped that despite the shortcomings, cotton worth about Tk 21 crore will be produced in the region which will be higher by Tk one crore than the previous year.



MUNSHIGANJ: Flood waters have engulfed most of the areas in the district. There is no berthing place for launches. Passengers have to enter and leave the launches at risk. In the picture, the passengers are seen leaving a launch and getting on board some boats. — Star photo

Flood damages crops worth Tk 31.35 cr in Pabna

PABNA, Aug 24: Crops on at least 28,036 acres of land worth about Tk 31.35 crore have been damaged in nine thanas of the district due to the recent floods and heavy rainfall, reports UNB.

Agriculture Extension officials here said the crops include 'Aush', 'Aman', Jute, transplanted 'Aman', seed beds of transplanted 'Aman' and vegetables. More than eight per cent out of the total cultivated paddy have been damaged due to the natural calamity, they added.

The areas affected severely include Pabna Irrigation Project and about 200 villages outside the flood control embankment of the Rural Development Project.

About 80,000 farmers of 48 unions out of the total 71 unions have been affected due to the disaster.

They said the government has allocated Tk 18 lakh for the post-flood rehabilitation programme in order to support the farmers to overcome their losses.

Another report from Comilla adds: Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister called upon all to supplement the government's efforts to remove the sufferings of the flood stricken people.

The minister was speaking at a rally as chief guest organised to mark the 23rd death anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Barura thana premises here on Tuesday.

He urged the people of the all walks of life irrespective party affiliation to be imbued with the spirit of liberation war and come forward in the aid of the distressed humanity.

The Minister said the Father

of the Nation throughout his life fought for the cause of humanity and his ideals and principles could only be honoured if we could face the natural calamity unitedly.

The Law Minister directed the concerned authorities to prepare seed-beds in the elevated fields of school, college, madrasa and other high lands so that the farmers could get the seedlings for the Aman crop when flood water recedes completely.

State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukdar Abdul Khaleque, AHM Mostafa Kamal MP, Abdul Hakim MP and Professor Panna Kaisar MP spoke on the occasion.

Later the Law Minister distributed relief materials among the flood stricken people of Barura.

Problems grip Mymensingh Teachers' Training College

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Aug 24: Mymensingh Teachers' Training College, the only teachers' training college in greater Mymensingh region is gripped with various problems for a long time.

According to sources, the college has been smarting under manifold problems including shortage of staff, staff-quarters, poor stock of apparatus in the science laboratory of the college and insufficient residential halls for the students.

The college was established in 1948. Since then the college was running Bachelor of Education (B Ed) and Masters of Education (M Ed) courses.

Since the establishment, the college was providing M Ed degree with 200 seats. But suddenly the college got admitted 100 students in the current session and others were denied admission into the M Ed level. This is because the National University refixed its seat capacity to 100 instead of 200. The demand for reintroduction of previous 200 seats in Masters of Education course has not been met by the authorities till now.

When contacted with some admission seekers, they told The Daily Star, "We can not understand the policy of the university." They demanded reintroduction of the original seat capacity in M Ed course immediately.

Meanwhile the only library of the college is also in poor condition. It is not equipped with modern literature and science books which is causing much sufferings to the students.

Though the college has a science laboratory, but there is no scientific apparatus in the laboratory. It has been informed by the students.

Some students also said, although computer science has been included in the B Ed and M Ed syllabuses from the current session, no computer or computer teachers are provided in the college.

There is no common room for the girl students of the college. So, the girl students spend their tiffin period sitting here and there. For want of a common room the girl students can not participate in indoor games. There is no facility of outdoor games for recreation of girls of the college.

A good number of posts of senior teachers have been lying vacant for a long time hampering the education programme.

Besides, there is no auditorium in the college. As a result the students can not carry on their cultural function properly. Sometimes they organise their functions in the college campus.

Due to lack of residential quarters, the teaching and administrative staff of the college have to reside in rented houses in the town which is much costly, it is also informed.

Housewife beaten to death by husband

JESSORE, Aug 24: A young housewife was beaten to death on Saturday night allegedly by her husband at village Pachamagra in Abhoyanagar thana here, reports UNB.

Police said Sakhina Khatun, 22, met the tragic end when her husband Taleb Ali beat her mercilessly as she failed to bring dowry money from her poor parents.

Taleb Ali later poured poison into her mouth to prove that she committed suicide. Police recovered the body and sent it to Jessore General Hospital for autopsy.

Four killed in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 24: Four people including two children were killed and 26 others injured in the incidents of house collapse and drowning in the district in two days, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation

73, Motijheel Commercial Area Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh

International Tender Notice

No. HO/LPC/PUR/V(7)/98-99/94 Dated: 17-8-1998

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from internationally reputed suppliers/manufacturers/agents on C&F(C) Chittagong/Mongla Port basis for supply of the following stores under SEM/local currency.

(i) CCA (Chromated Copper Arsenate): Tender schedule will be available from the Cashier of the Corporation on cash payment of Tk. 500.00 (Taka five hundred) only (non-refundable) from 30.8.98 to 29.9.98 during office hours. Tender will be received up to 11-00 AM on 30.9.98 in the office of the Director (P&D) and be opened on the same day at 11-15 AM in presence of the tenderer. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of opening. Other terms & conditions of the tender can be had from the tender schedule.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Rangpur Newsletter

From our correspondent

Kidnapped girl yet to be recovered

RANGPUR, Aug 24: The kidnapped school girl, Afroza Khatun of Badargonj has not yet been recovered although about a month has elapsed by this time, it was alleged by the guardians of the victim.

According to the allegation, the victim, a student of class X of Katcha Bari High School of Badargonj thana was kidnapped by some armed miscreants from her residence at Lohanipara at night on July 23. Police had arrested a person, but the victim is yet to be traced. It has caused a grave concern among the guardians.

Rapist's threat

Moksed Ali, the main accused in a rape and murder case on getting bail from the court has been now putting pressure on the complainer to withdraw the case. He is also threatening to kill them if they do not pay heed to his pressure, according to an allegation received here.

Eye witnesses said, a seven-year-old girl Nazma and a student of Class three of a BEAC school of Kaprikhal union in Mithapukur thana was kidnapped by some miscreants on her way back from school. They killed her after gangraping. The killers dumped the body in a hidden place. After three days of the incident, her body was recovered by police who sent it for post mortem. Police later on arrested accused Moksed Ali and eight others in this case and sent them to jail. All the accused were, however, bailed out. Of them, accused Moksed Ali is now threatening the complainants to withdraw the case lodged against them. It was alleged.

One killed, 20 injured in road accident

One person was killed and 20 others were injured in a head-on collision between a Rangpur bound night coach from Dhaka and another Dhaka bound goods loaded truck in the national highway at Pirgonj Angorer Bridge recently. Victim Likat, 35, was killed on the spot, while 20 others injured persons were admitted at Pirgonj Thana Health complex and RMCH. The condition of the helper of the night coach named Jamal Uddin, 27, was stated to be critical, it was gathered. Drivers of both the vehicles were absconding. Police seized both the vehicles and a case has been started.

Best School

Rangpur High School has been selected as the best school in Rangpur district this year. A district level education committee after examining different aspects of the institution selected it as the best school and accordingly gave away the award.

Mr. Mahmudul Hasan, a scout of Rangpur high school also received an award of best scouter, it was further gathered.

Life-term for three killers

Three accused persons were awarded life term. One accused was given RI for 3 years, while three other accused received

simple imprisonment each, in a murder case in Lalmonirhat district. Saumendra Sarker, District and Sessions Judge, Lalmonirhat while delivering judgement in the sensational murder case of a Lalmonirhat Awami League leader and former ward commissioner Nabi Hosain found accused Ekaber Ali, 65, Shamsul Haque, 60, and Abu Bakr, 55, guilty and sentenced them to suffer life-term imprisonment each and accused Jahangir was awarded 3 years R I. Accused Entazul, 40, Jabbar, 50, and Fazul, 24, were given 3 years' simple imprisonment each in the same case.

The murder occurred in broad day light on March 2, '95, at Hari Danga of Lalmonirhat town. After investigation police submitted chargesheet against 16 accused persons, 9 out of them were later on acquitted by the court. Seven others tried were sentenced on different terms.

Irregularities in health complex

The Jaldhaka Thana Health Complex is in a miserable condition due to lack of medicines and other required amenities, besides shortages of doctors. There is no health service committee to look after the problems of the complex. As a result, a lots of patients come to the health complex. Ultimately they return disappointed every day, it was alleged.

Mr. Mizanur Rahman Manu, Whip of the Jatiyo Sangsad had a surprise visit in this health complex recently and expressed disappointment seeing irregularities and suffering in absence of Health Service committee. He, however, ordered to form the committee immediately to remove the problems of the complex.

Bangabandhu Hospital opened

The Bangabandhu Hospital, Mahigonj, about 5 kilometres off Rangpur town was inaugurated on August 22. Anwar Hossain Manju, Minister in Charge of Communication inaugurated the hospital.

The hospital building was constructed about two years back under the financial assistance of Pausosava and local people. About taka 30 lakh were spent for its construction. There are 30 beds, besides outdoor facilities.

Kidnapped school girl recovered

Badargonj police recovered a kidnapped school girl student after 5 days of her kidnapping. Police sources said: Lata Parul, 15, a student of Class X of Burimari Surja Mukhi High School of gopinathpur union under Badargonj thana was returning to her home from a local mass literacy centre recently. Suddenly three persons in a micro-bus came to her and offered her a free trip to her house. At this when she boarded on it, the miscreants took her to an unknown place and confined her for 5 days there.

Badargonj police, acting on a secret information raided the house at Bairagipara in Rangpur town area and recovered her. Police arrested one Afzal driver in this connection.

Under Section 5Ka of Artha Rin 1990 (Act iv of 1990)

In the Court of Sub-Judge, Artha Rin Adalat, Sylhet Artha Rin Suit No 27 of 1996

Janata Bank — Plaintiff versus Abul Khair and another — Defendants

To

1. Abul Khair, son of late Ali Hussain, Vill Bahaddar Hat-Khatiber Hat, PO & PS Panchlais, Dist Chittagong; And also Careof, Haque Pharmacy, Khatiber Hat, PO & PS Panchlais, Dist Chittagong. And also Kumarpura, Sylhet
2. M/s Cosmos Proprietor, Abul Khair, son of late Ali Hussain, Kumarpura, PO, PS & Dist. Sylhet — Defendants

Whereas the plaintiff has instituted this suit claiming recovery of Tk 2,41,538.55 from you and whereas you are avoiding to receive summons though it was issued several times; you are, therefore, asked to appear before this court either personal or through a duly authorised advocate and file written statement within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of this notification. In case of your non-appearance the suit will proceed ex parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 28th of July 1998.

By Order

Sheristadar

Sub-Judge, Artha Rin

Adalat, Sylhet

363/98 DFP-17927-19/8 G-1906

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