

Flood water in Sherpur town

# Cattle disease breaks out in epidemic form in flood-hit Jamalpur dist

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Aug 25: A large number of cattle have been attacked with various diseases in flood affected areas in seven thanas of the district. The worst affected thanas are Islampur, Madarganj, Dewanganj including sadar thana.

According to an unofficial source, at least 200 cattle have died so far. The diseases locally known as 'Gelasha Fa' 'Rudri' and 'Bakedara' cripple the affected cattle. As a result the affected cattle can not walk and eat grass due to infection in jaws and hooves.

Some villagers told this correspondent, on average 50 to 60 cattle are suffering from diseases in the every flood affected unions.

The local hospital authorities expressed their inability to go to the village or to help them with medicine.

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livestock department. When contacted some livestock personnel informed, they could not combat the disease of cattle because the villagers were reluctant to vaccinate their cattle.

On the other hand, according to allegations of farmers, the field assistants are not inclined to vaccinate their cattle or poultry birds without illegal gratification. It is alleged, on average about 90 per cent cows are not treated at the animal husbandry hospitals.

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fall and onrush of water from upstream flood has engulfed a vast tract of land in five thanas of the district.

Flood water has already destroyed transplanted Aman seedlings in different areas. All the seed-beds in the affected areas went under water and damaged completely. Before the existing flood the farmers invested their last penny for cultivation.

The Deputy Commissioner(DC) of Sherpur Md Naofel Mia said flood water has already entered into many parts of the district headquarters.

Md Lutfar Rahman Mohan, President of the District Bus Owners' Association said that the road communication between Sherpur and Jamalpur had remained suspended since last Sunday as flood water inundated the Purerdukan area under Charpukkhimari union.

Meanwhile, the Brahmaputra Flood Protection Embankment along with a vast tract of land was washed away during the floods of 1991, 1995 and 1997. Till today no initiative

has yet been taken to repair the embankment for which thousands of tons of food grains and other crops are washed away every year. Md Elisuddin, Chairman, Charpukkhimari union of sadar thana alleged.

Maximum number of hand tubewells have already gone under water. In some areas the flood affected people have been facing an acute crisis of job.

A total of 20 tons of rice and cash amount of 30 thousand taka have been sanctioned by the administration in the sadar thana, the TNO said.

Abu Mohammad Yousuf, TNO, Jhenaidah said five unions of Jhenaidah thana have been badly affected due to consecutive floods in this season.

Dr E R Chowdhury, Civil Surgeon, Sherpur, said more than 24 medical teams have been working in the flood affected areas.

District Relief and Rehabilitation Office (DRO) office sources said, the flood situation has deteriorated due to heavy downpour till filing of this report.

# Dry fish processing Cox's bazar fishermen need bank loan

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 25: Production of dry fish has been facing a serious set-back in the coastal belt of Cox's Bazar region, local people said.

Fishermen of Sonadia, Kutubdia, St Martins, Khuruskul, Moheshkhal, Matarbari, Dhalghata and Teknaf areas are engaged in processing dry fish. The demand for dry fish is on the gradual increase in other districts of the country. But as reported, production of dry fish has been facing serious problem due to lack of modern training and necessary working capital.

Dry fish of Rupchanda, Lakkha, Shuri and Latia processed by the fishermen in the coastal belts of the region are of good quality and has great demand among the consumers in and outside the country. People

engaged in dry fish processing said that they had been deprived of bank loans as they failed to meet the complex loan formalities.

As a result, they are forced to take loan from the local money lenders at high rate of interest. Local leaders urged the authorities to distribute loan among the people engaged in dry fish processing on easy and soft terms.

They said people engaged in processing dry fish also need modern training to boost more quality production. Coastal people said huge sea fish are available throughout the year for processing dry fish. But for want of new techniques and modern methods huge amount of fish go rotten affecting adversely their business.

# News snaps

## 4 killed in road accidents

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 25: Four people, including a woman and a minor girl, were killed and another two injured in separate accidents on Sirajganj-Bogra and Bogra-Nagarbari roads here on Monday, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Abdul Alim, 28, Mamata, 10, Habibur, 45, and Amena, 35. Police said a speeding truck rammed into a rickshaw van at Akordia in Ullahpara thana on Bogra-Nagarbari road at 7 am leaving Alim dead and another two injured. In another mishap Mamata was run over by a Bogra-bound truck at Sarishakol on the same highway at 10 am. Habibur, seriously injured in a mishap on Sunday, succumbed at Sirajganj General Hospital. He fell down from the rooftop of a bus at Panchilla on Bogra-Sirajganj road on the previous day. Amena, wife of Soharab Ali, was crushed under the wheels of a Bogra-bound truck at Kutirchar Bhadrachar in Kamarkhand thana on the same highway.

## Problems grip Sylhet Polytechnic Instt

SYLHET, Aug 25: Sylhet Polytechnic Institute, one of the best institutions of the country, is facing manifold problems hampering the academic activities, reports UNB.

Shortage of teachers, lack of necessary instruments and furniture and increasing terrorist activities in the name of student politics are disrupting the academic activities of the institute. According to concerned sources, at present about 2,000 students are prosecuting their studies on subjects like Civil Engineering, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical and Power. A number of posts of instructors are lying vacant in each department and the post of vice-principal is lying vacant for the last three years hampering the academic activities adversely.

## Acute shortage of Aman seedlings

KISHOREGANJ, Aug 25: The target of transplanted Aman cultivation in the district in the current season may not be achieved due to acute shortage of seedlings, reports UNB.

According to the Agricultural Extension Department, some 1,436 hectares of seed-beds have been washed away by the recent flood and heavy downpour. The farmers could not prepare their seed-beds as yet with the rest quantity of seeds which they saved. Moreover, BADC did not supply adequate seeds to the growers that caused the price hike of seeds, for which they could not procure seeds from the local market. Some 68,034 hectares of land in 12 thanas of the district have been brought under transplanted aman cultivation.

## Boy arrested

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 25: Police arrested an 11-year old boy on charge of sexually abusing a girl on Wednesday at Paghla Delpara area in Fatullah thana, reports UNB.

Police quoting the FIR said Moslem, son of Hakim Ali of the area took the four and a half years old girl to a secluded place and abused her sexually. Police arrested the accused on the basis of the complaint lodged by the victim's father. Police quoting the local people also said a long-standing enmity was prevailing among both the families.

## Concern over large scale pending cases

NAOAGANJ, Aug 25: Only nine cases out of the total 283 filed in connection with violence against women and children have been disposed of by the courts in the district this year, reports UNB.

This was informed at a monthly meeting here to review the cases related to repression and violence against women and children. The cases were disposed of by the courts from January to June this year, said a report presented in the meeting by the concerned authorities. The meeting was informed that 31 cases remained pending with the criminal courts and the rest 243 cases with the special tribunals. Members of the committee expressed concern over the large number of pending cases and urged the Public Prosecutors to expedite the process of disposing these at the earliest.

## Alleged rapist surrenders

MYMENSINGH, Aug 25: A young man, accused of a rape case, on Monday surrendered to the Special Court on Woman and Child Repression, reports UNB.

Officials said Abdur Razzak, 19, son of Madan Ali at Beltali in Taltola thana, allegedly violated a seven-year-old girl of his village on March 29 as she went to a nearby jungle to collect firewood. Razzak surrendered to the court and prayed for bail. But the District and Sessions Judge rejected the bail petition and sent him to jail.

## Dacoity committed at fish stall

SATKHIRA, Aug 25: A dacoity was committed at a fish stall at Taltola bazar of village Portanagar in Assasuni thana on Thursday night, reports BSS.

Police arrested two persons in this connection. Police sources said, a group of armed dacoits raided the Taltola bazar and entered forcibly into a fish stall of Mohadeb at the midnight. The dacoits looted cash and fish worth over Taka two lakh from the fish stall. When the villagers chased them, the dacoits blasted bombs and managed to escape. Police arrested two persons in this connection.

## Vendor killed

FENI, Aug 25: Gunmen shot and killed a deed writer at Gandhabaypur in Chhagalnaila thana early on Monday, reports UNB.

Police said the armed miscreants opened fire at Aminul Haq, 32, and stabbed him to death while he was sleeping at his residence at about 1.30 am. A case was filed with the local police in this connection.

## Body recovered

JHENIDAH, Aug 25: Police recovered the body of a young man from a paddy field at Dayarampur village in Kotchandpur thana here on Sunday, reports UNB.

The deceased identified as Belal Hossain, 25, was an activist of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party. Belal was believed to have been killed by the rival group on Saturday. A case was filed in this connection.

## 73-km long embankment reconstructed

KHULNA, Aug 25: Water Development Board (WDB) under a project reconstructed 73 kilometres long embankment under the Food for Work Programme in the district during the last fiscal year, reports UNB.

Official sources said the project was implemented with the allocation of Tk 73 lakh and 2,263 metric tonnes of wheat at Dakob, Batiaghata and Paikgachha thanas. With the implementation of the project, at least 65,000 hectares of land were saved from salinity and cultivation of various crops would be possible in these lands.

## Girl rescued

JESSORE, Aug 25: Police rescued a teenage girl student from Atmail in Monirampur thana on Thursday after nine days of her abduction by a gang of miscreants, reports UNB.

The girl was abducted from Lakshinath Kati village in Keshabpur thana on August 12 at dead of night when she came out of her house at the call of nature. Abdul Ahad was the gang leader, police said. She was reportedly confined at the house of Tashir at village Kushaldia and gangraped by the abductors. The victim's father filed a case with the police under Child and Women Repression Act. Medical check up of the victim at the General Hospital here confirmed the rape, police said. Police could not arrest the gang leader so far.

## Abducted manpower agent rescued

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 25: Police rescued an abducted manpower agent from Paghla area here on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Police arrested two alleged kidnappers Aziz and Shamsu from the same area for their involvement in the abduction. According to police, Abdur Rab, 45, was picked up by abductors for recovering the money they gave him to send them abroad. They took him to Zinjira in Keraniganj thana on Saturday. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the area and rescued him. A case was filed with the Fatullah police in this connection.



BARISAL: People have cut down a large part of a dam situated beside Ramshil College at Ramshil Bandar in Kotalipara of Gopalganj district to save themselves from the onslaught of flood. — Star photo

## Magura Pourasava dwellers deprived of basic amenities

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, Aug 25: Pourasava dwellers in the town here are facing manifold problems due to bad condition of roads, scarcity of pure water and lack other basic amenities of life.

The main roads of the district town have been unfit for vehicular movement long ago due to lack of maintenance and care.

Garbages are dumped at many points of the town which are found lying for days together vitiating the surroundings. Most of the drains remained silted for long hindering water outlet adversely.

Most of the light posts have no bulbs plunging the area into darkness after sundown giving rise to anti-social activities.

The pourasava authority enhances tax every year, but no remarkable steps are taken to improve the basic amenities of life, poura dwellers have alleged.

## JCD-BCL clash leaves 10 hurt in Natore

NATORE, Aug 25: At least 10 people sustained bullet injuries in a violent clash between the JCD and BCL activists in Lalpur Thana Parishad campus on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Police sources said a minor clash was ensued at Gopalpur Degree College at noon following a dispute over sitting in the classroom between the two rival student groups. Police later brought the situation under control.

But in the evening a violent clash was erupted when the JCD protest procession in the thana parishad campus came under attack by a group of BCL activists.

Both the groups used firearms, crackers and sharp weapons in the clash. At least 50 crackers were exploded and 25 rounds of bullets were fired during the three hours clash, police said.

Critically injured Pappu, secretary of JCD Lalpur thana unit and two other activists of BCL — Wadud and Belal were shifted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital following the deterioration of their condition.

The rest were admitted to Lalpur Thana Health Complex. Police arrested two bullet wounded activists of JCD named Zakaria and Tikka.

BCL filed a case with the Lalpur thana while JCD claimed that police refused to take their case.

## Rangpur AL MP's claim

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Aug 25: Anisul Haque Chowdhury, MP of Awami League, has charged a section of anti-people elements and union parishad chairman with trying to disturb peaceful situation at Badarganj thana by giving distorted information to people to achieve their heinous ends.

Addressing a press conference here recently, the AL MP alleged that some six union parishad chairmen aided by some defeated political persons in the name of social movement, have long been creating law and order situation, and committing various crimes, including murder, rape and lootings, to agitate people against him as well as the government.

He showed documents regarding court cases against six union parishad chairmen of his area, on different charges which include rape, dacoities and murder.

He further claimed that since 1962, he has been elected as MP and no complaint of any crime or corruption charge has so far been brought against him. He threw a challenge to the critics to detect any crime or corruption against him. He said a Jatya Party (JP) leader who was defeated by him in parliament election, is leading all these anti-people movements against him. He appealed to the people not to be misled by the propaganda.

## Faces of talents

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 25: Md Salim Al-Sheikh secured the 8th position in the combined merit list in the SSC examination this year obtaining 930 marks in total with 9 letters.

Salman's father Liakat Al-Sheikh of Jahanabad in Khulna inspired him to make a good result. His mother is a housewife. They are satisfied with their son's result. Salman likes to be a good photographer and an Army officer in future.

Rakib-Al-Mamun also secured the 8th place in the Science group in the merit list this year in SSC examination under Jessore Education Board having 930 numbers in total with 7 letters.

Our Jhenidah Correspondent reports: Masum Billah, cadet no 1677 stood 16th in the combined merit list in the SSC examination this year from Jhenidah Cadet College securing 922 marks in Jessore Board. Billah bagged letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Higher Mathematics, Islamic Studies and Karmamukhi Shikha.

Billah's father Mujibar Rahman is a businessman and mother Johra Begum a government employee. He read about 8 hours daily. He wants to join the Army.

Cadet Arifur Rahim stood 17th in the combined merit list from Jhenidah Cadet College in Jessore Board this year bagging 8 letters in English, Mathematics, General Science, Islamic Religion, Physics, Chemistry, Higher Mathematics and Karmamukhi Shikha. He secured 921 marks. Arif's father Abul Hossain is a businessman and mother Rahima Khatun is a housewife. Arif desires to serve the nation by joining the Army.

ABM Shahidul Islam, cadet no 1698 stood 20th in the combined merit list from Jhenidah Cadet College in Jessore Board this year. Shahid bagged 8 letters in English, Mathematics, General Science, Islamic Religion, Chemistry, Biology and Higher Mathematics. His father is ABM Siddiqui Islam and mother is Shamima Sultana. Both are physicians at Jhenidah. Shahid wants to join the Army to serve the nation.

Our Rajshahi Correspondent reports: Alimuzzaman stood second in the merit list in Science Group in the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination this year under Rajshahi Board.

Our My-mensingh Correspondent says: Tahsina Taimur secured 881 marks in SSC examination with seven letters from My-mensingh Biddiayoyee Government Girls' School.

Her father Dewan Taimur Yar Chowdhury is an industrialist and social worker and her mother Syeda Tyesha Taqsood is a housewife. Tahsina's grandfather late Dewan Mohsin Yar Chowdhury was a zamindar of Fatehpur estate in Netrakona district.

## Massive programme to extend farming of HYV Binashail paddy

MYMENSINGH, Aug 25: Bangladesh Institute for Nuclear Agricultural Research (BINA) has taken up a massive programme to extend the cultivation of High Yielding Variety (HYV) of Binashail paddy throughout the country, reports UNB.

Under the programme, some 135 exhibition plots and five large blocks will be set up jointly by the Agriculture Extension Department, Bangladesh Agriculture University Extension Centre (BAUEC) and BINA Sub-centre.

BINA has already provided seeds, fertilisers and pesticides to the farmers for setting up the plots and distributed 2,000 Kg seeds of 'Binashail' paddy among them.

BINA Director General Dr M Idris Ali told that this high yielding variety paddy has a great demand across the country.

Agriculture Scientist and Director of BINA Dr SM Rahman said the farmers can grow up to five tons of paddy per hectare by cultivating the Binashail variety.

The variety can be harvested two to four weeks before the Najirshail variety of Aman and its yield is 20 per cent higher than that of Najirshail, he observed.

## RHD Quotation Invitation Notice (3rd Call)

- Notice No : 16 (97-98) EE (R&H) Procurement & Storage Division, Chittagong, dated 13-8-98 (29-4-1405 BS).
  - Name of work : Carrying various types of imported/purchased/aided iron bridge container full with parts/ferry engine/spareparts transports etc of (R&H) Directorate from Chittagong Sea Port to Divisional Storage Depot, (Sagarika Road) Foudzerhat, Mansurabad, Chittagong under Executive Engineer (R&H), Procurement & Storage Division, Chittagong during 1998-99.
  - Earnest money : Tk 50,000/00 (fifty thousand) only equivalent Bank Draft or Treasury Challan to be enclosed.
  - Time limit for work : Up to 30th June/99 from the date of issuing work order.
  - Special security deposit : Prior to issuing work order, Tk 2,00,000/00 (two lakh) only equivalent term Sanchaya Patra to be enclosed.
  - Eligibility of contractor : (R&H) Directorate's General Category 'A' to 'C' or Equipment control & Procurement circle, Dhaka's 'D' class enlisted contractor/contractors firm holding experience certificate on carrying work, viz—  
a) Certificate on carrying 1000 (one thousand) metric iron bridge parts & construction materials.  
b) Attested copy of ownership certificate/certificate from proper Registration authority & blue book of 1 (one) truck should be enclosed with quotation. Declaration to the effect that 3 (three) more trucks should be kept whole time standby during work shall have to be submitted.
  - Offices to sell the quotation : a) Executive Engineer (R&H), Procurement & Storage Division, Chittagong.  
b) Executive Engineer (R&H), Planning & Road-bridge Division, Dhaka.  
c) Executive Engineer (R&H), Equipment Control Division, Chittagong.  
d) Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Procurement & Storage Sub-Division, Chittagong.
  - Offices to receive the quotations : a) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Equipment Control & Procurement Circle, Dhaka.  
b) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka.  
c) Executive Engineer (R&H), Procurement & Storage Division, Chittagong.  
d) Executive Engineer (R&H), Equipment Control Division, Chittagong.
  - Last date of selling quotation : 8-9-98 (24-5-1405BS) (During office hours).
  - Last date & time of receiving -do- opening -do- : 9-9-98 (25-5-1405BS) up to 12:00 Noon.
  - Date & time of opening -do- : 14-9-98 (30-5-1405BS) at 12:30 PM.
  - Date & time of lottery (if required) : 15-9-98 (31-5-1405BS) at 1:00 PM.
- NB: If under any special circumstance, the date of selling & receiving quotation is declared a Govt holiday or not sold/received under any circumstance, then the last date of selling quotation and the date of receiving & opening & date of lottery will be as the following. No notification will be issued for this.
- Last date of selling quotation : 13-9-98 (29-5-1405BS) (up to office hours).
  - Date & time of receiving -do- : 14-9-98 (30-5-1405BS) up to 12:00 Noon.
  - Date & time of opening -do- : 17-9-98 (2-6-1405BS) at 12:00 Noon.
  - Date of lottery (if required) : 21-9-98 (6-6-1405BS) at 1:00 PM.

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## Notice for Enlistment of Advertisement Firm

Tenders are invited for enlistment of advertisement firm for publicity of different motivational activities of various development projects under Directorate of Primary Education in different media including radio and television. Advertisement firms with experiences of this sort of work will procure tender form containing detailed description from this office on payment of Taka 100/= (one hundred) for each set by depositing it through a Treasury Challan in 1x2400/2431/2366 head in Bangladesh Bank and by applying in letterhead pads of respective firms (with the original and photocopies) 2 (two) of challan till 31-8-98 during office hours. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of Deputy Director (Training) (Room No 411), Directorate of Primary Education, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216 on 3.9.98 till 12 Noon and will be opened the same day at 1:30 PM in presence of participants in tender (if anyone present). Experience certificate, 2.5% of quoted rate (refundable) as earnest money from any nationalised bank in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order to Director General, Directorate of Primary Education will have to be submitted with tender.

The authority reserves the power to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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Directorate of Prison  
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## Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders in prescribed table are hereby invited from bonafide sole agents/suppliers for purchasing 2 (two) desktop computers for 'Dhaka Central Jail Construction Project' at Kashimpur, Gazipur under the Directorate of Prison. Applicants can purchase tender by applying in respective pads to the undersigned or Administrative Officer, Directorate of Prison, Nazimuddin Road, Dhaka Fill 06.09.98 during office hours on payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) in cash for each set.

2% of quoted rate as Earnest Money will have to be deposited with tender. Earnest Money will have to be in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank and in favour of Project Director, Dhaka Central Jail Construction, Kashimpur, Gazipur.

Tenders will be received in tender box kept at the office of Director, Dhaka Central Jail Construction, Directorate of Prison, Nazimuddin Road, Dhaka till 12:00 Noon on 08.09.98 and will be opened on the same day at 12:30 PM in presence of participants in tenders (If anyone remains present).

The authority is not obliged to accept the lowest rate and reserves the power to accept any tender or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

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