Newssnaps

Settlement officer hurt in bomb blast

HABIGANJ. Sept 28: A settlement officer was injured in a bomb attack in his office here on Tuesday, reports UNB. Police said during the hearing on a disputed land, a group of armed musclemen put pressure on the Sadar thana Attestation Officer Abu Salek to record the land in favour of a dead man. But when he refused to do so they threw a bomb on the podium injuring him grievously. The victim was rushed to the Sadar Hospital. Three miscreants - Babul Ahmed, 18, Abdul Wahed, 18, and Shahi Ahmad, 20, caught by the people were handed over to police. Employees of the Attestation Office demanded punishment to the culprits while observing token strike on the

Fodder crisis in Sunamganj

SUNAMGANJ, Sept 28: With the recession of flood waters acute scarcity of fodder has been prevailing in the district.

reports UNB. According to local farmers hundreds of domestic animals have been facing malnutrition and cattle diseases have broken out in many parts of the district. A local livestock official told that a total of 2,247 cattle had been lost in the recent flood. Maintaining of domestic animals, he said, has become very difficult due to the crisis. Meanwhile, the farmers finding no other way out are selling their cows at throwaway prices. They said price of fodder has shot up abnormally in the local market which is beyond the reach of the poor and marginal farmers.

Acute scarcity of water

NOAKHALI, Sept 28: Acute scarcity of pure water has been prevailing in the district as 13,616 tubewells out of 26,393 have been completely and partially damaged by the recent flood,

reports UNB. According to the Public Health Engineering Department, 5,930 out of 8,245 tubewells in Begumganj, 1,691 out of 2,183 in Chatkhil and 582 out of 2,965 in Hatiya thanas were damaged totally. The rest tubewells in Sadar, Senbagh and Companiganj thanas were affected partially. Official sources said 300 tubewells of Begumganj thana have been repaired and six new tubewells were set up in Sadar thana. In Chatkhil 257 tubewells have been repaired and 12 new ones set up. Besides, 83 new tubewells have been installed on high places. The department also set up sanitary latrines at 28 cyclone shelters in Chatkhil and several others in Begumganj.

Man killed by neighbour

MYMENSINGH, Sept 28: A man was killed by his neighbour at a village in Trishal thana here on Saturday following hot exchange of words over the damage of an 'Aman' seedbed, reports UNB.

Police said Abdur Rashid, 40, of Khaghati village protested the damage of his seedbed by a cow of his neighbour Quddus. At one stage. Quddus struck him with a "ballam" (spear). Rashid was first rushed to Trishal Thana Health Complex and then shifted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. Quddus was absconding after the incident. A case was filed with Trishal police.

Indian sarees seized

SATKHIRA, Sept 28: The members of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized huge quantity of Indian sarees worth over Taka five lakh on Wednesday, reports BSS.

According to BDR sources, acting on a tip-off the BDR members of 21 battalion of Satkhira raided Jamtola bazar under Sharsha thana of Jessore district and seized huge quantity of Indian sarees from Jamtola bazar. The sarees included cotton-print georgette silk and katan. The sarees were deposited to the Satkhira Customs authorities. None was arrested in this connection.

Minister visits Sherpur

SHERPUR, Sept 28: Minister for Food and Agriculture Begum Motia Chowdhury visited different flood affected areas in the district over the last two days, reports BSS.

During the visit the minister thanked the farmers for their speedy post-flood agriculture rehabilitations activities. The agriculture minister advised the farmers to grow lentil, winter vegetables, wheat and other Rabi crops on high land. She also distributed relief and medicines among the flood victims.

BMA programme to distribute ORS

TANGAIL, Sept 28: Bangladesh Medical Association, Tangail district branch has taken a programme to produce and distribute one lakh packet oral saline (ORS), reports BSS.

Abdul Mannan, MP inaugurated the programme at BMA Bhaban recently. Abul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Foreign Affairs was present on the occasion. According to official sources, the saline will be distributed among the flood victims free of cost.

Housewife raped

RANGAMATI. Sept 28: A young housewife was violated by a neighbour in Baghaichhari thana Friday night, reports APB. Police said the woman, aged about 22, of Mostafa Colony area was forcibly taken to a nearby jungle and raped by Nasir Uddin, 25, son of Rabiuddin of the same area, when she went to fetch water from a nearby tubewell at about 10 pm. On hearing cry of the victim for help, people from nearby houses rushed to the post, caught Nasir and handed him over to police.

Goods worth Tk 7 lakh looted

MAGURA, Sept 28: Armed dacoits looted goods and cash worth about Tk seven lakh from 10 shops at Gobinda Bazar and a house at Kalutia village in Mohammadpur thana on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Police said about 12 armed men attacked the shops at 12 noon and looted goods and cash worth about Tk five lakh after exploding crackers. They also looted goods valued at Tk two lakh, including Tk 50,000 in cash, from the house of one Nurul Islam on their way back. Two cases were filed with Mohammadpur police in this connection.

Forest worker killed

HABIGANJ, Sept 28: A forest worker was shot dead by the timber smugglers in Kalenga forest of Chunarughat thana here on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police sources said, the forest guards and workers protested the gang of 40 to 50 smugglers while cutting the valuable timbers from the Krishnachhara area of Jamburachhara deep forest. At one stage the miscreants fired on them killing forest worker Surat Ali on the spot. The dead body was sent to Habiganj sadar hospital for autopsy with the help of BDR.

2 youngmen commit suicide

JHENIDAH, Sept 28: Two youngmen allegedly committed suicide in Jhenidah sadar and Shailakupa thanas of the

district on September 17 and 18, reports BSS. Police said on Thursday last Golam Nobi, 18, of village Lokkhikol in sadar thana committed suicide by taking poison. The cause of suicide is learnt to be family feud. On Friday last Monwar Hossain, 19, of village Hagrameena in Shailakupa thana committed suicide by taking poison. The cause of suicide could not be ascertained. The bodies were postmortemed and two unnatural death cases were lodged in this connection.

Work on 292 box culverts begins

JESSORE, Sept 28: Construction of 292 box culverts in seven thanas of Jessore costing Tk one crore fifty eight lakh has begun, reports BSS.

The project is being implemented by LGED. Out of the total culverts 67 will be constructed in sadar thana, 9 in Avaynagar, 49 in Chougachha, 33 in Jhikargachha, 48 in Keshabpur, 69 in Manirampur and 17 in Sharsha thana. The work is expected to be completed by next December.

Body recovered

NETRAKONA, Sept 28: Netrakona Kotwali thana police recovered a floating body from the river Kongso at Takurakona bazar point, about 10 kilometres east from here on September 23 last, reports BSS.

Police sources said, the dead was identified as Hannan, 30, a salesman of a fertiliser shop at Muktirbazar in Netrakona sadar thana. A police team of Netrakona Kotwali police station recovered the body from the river and sent it to Netrakona Sadar Hospital morgue for postmortem. The body bore a wider cut mark on its throat. Police suspect that the salesman Hannan might be slaughtered by some miscreants. Meanwhile, a murder case was recorded with Netrakona Kotwali police station in this connections. Police investigation is going on.

Gunmen kill outlaw

JHENIDAH, Sept 28: A group of gunmen killed two alleged activists of an underground political party in Harinakunda thana of the district on Thursday midnight, reports BSS.

According to police sources, the victims have been identified as Mofazzel, 18, and Rezaul, 26, of village Tribeni in Shailakupa thana. The two victims were kidnapped from their village by some armed members of a rival outlawed part. They were taken to a sugarcane field at village Bhaina in Harinakunda thana. Mofazzel and Rezaul were first shot at and then slaughtered. Police recovered the bodies next day morning and sent to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital for autopsy.

Acute scarcity of ORS, medicine

Outbreak of diarrhoea raises alarm in dists

From Our Correspondent

and cholera everyday Some of the deads have been identified as Kiranbala Chakma, 26, mother of two sons of village Babuchhara, Guna Sindhu Chakma, 30, of village Perachhara in the Sadar thana, Kukya Chakma, 8, of village Jarulchhari in Dighinala thana and Puspa Chakma,9,of village Babuchhara.Identity of others could not be available.

KUSHTIA.Sept28:Diarrhoea

This is because acute

and other water-borne diseases

have broken out in the flood af-

fected district in an epidemic

scarcity of pure drinking water

in the district.Almost all tube-

wells have already gone under

flood water. The disease has

been spreading alarmingly in

the flood shelters of Ku-

markhali thana. A total of 10

persons have been affected in

JN High School ,seven in Aveda

Nanda Girls' High School, 15 in

Public Library, 12 in madrassah

and three in the godown of Mo-

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fected about 1,000 people in

Dighinala thana in last week of

Hundreds of people are be-

BARISAL, Sept 28: River

Non-stop erosion of the river

Meghna has been continuing in different places. The rivers like

Tetulia, Sugandhya, Sandhya, Paira, Karkhana, Bishakhali,

Baleswar, Kacha, Areal Khan,

Kirtonkhola, Kalabadar, Ilisha

and Lata forced thousands of

families to leave their home-

steads. Many business estab-

lishments and thousand acres

of croplands have been de-

Sreepur Bandar, Kazirchar, Al-

imabad, Lata, Kaliganj, Andhar manik, Bhanga, Mallickpur,

Dewanbari in Mehendiganj

thana, Memania, Badartuni,

Hizla Bandar and Aliganj of

Hizla thana, Safipur, Muladi

Bandar, Patarchar and Khash-

erhat of Muladi thana, Miranj,

Doarika ferry ghat. Rahimganj

of Babuganj thana, Shikarpur

Bandar and Dasherhat of Uzir-

pur and some places of Banari-

para thana area in Barisal dis-

trict, huge areas of the Jha-

lakati town along the riverside,

Nalchhiti Bandar area and

Kathalia of Jhalakati district,

Lebukhali, Mirjaganj, Dash-

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akhali district, Barguna sadar,

It has been gathered that

voured by the rivers.

erosion is still continuing at

different places in six southern

districts of Barisal division.

the current month.

Our CHT Correspondent re-

Meanwhile,35 others have

Partiosh Chakma 38. Chairman of Babuchhara Union Parisad announced the news of cholera and diarrhoea recently. Acute scarcity of saline has been prevailing in Dighinala Health Complex. Diarrhoea and cholera have

been spreading fast in villages

Babuchhara, Jarulchhari, Ran-

gapanichhari. Baghaichhari of Dighinala thana in Khagrachhari district. The District Civil Surgeon said diarrhoea and cholera are now in full control. He said special medical teams were work-

Our Chuadanga Correspondent reports: Diarroea has been

ing in the affected areas till fil-

ing of this report.

flood affected thanas and three pourasavas of the district. The four flood affected thanas are Chuadauga sadar. Alamdanga, Damurhuda and

Jibannagar while the three pourashavas are Chuadanga, Alamdanga and Darsana. According to the local Civil Surgeon, from September 1 to 25 a total of 2,918 people in-

tacked. Of the total people 1,085 have been attacked in Chuadanga sadar thana including Chuadanga pourasava. 760 in Alamdanga thana including Alamdanga pourasava, 439 in Damurhuda thana including Darsana pourasava and 634

cluding children have been at-

The Civil Surgeon of Chuadanga told this correspondent that 55 medical teams had been working round the clock along the flood affected areas.A total of 18 doctors have been engaged throughout the district for treatment of diarrhoea patients.

people in Jibannagar thana.

The Civil Surgeon further said that only 3 persons have spreading fast in all the four died in Jibannagar thana dur-

ing the flood period. For the last few days on average about 250 people are being attacked every day in the district.

Our Habiganj Correspondent reports: Diarrhoea and other water- borne diseases have broken out the different floodhit areas of the district in an

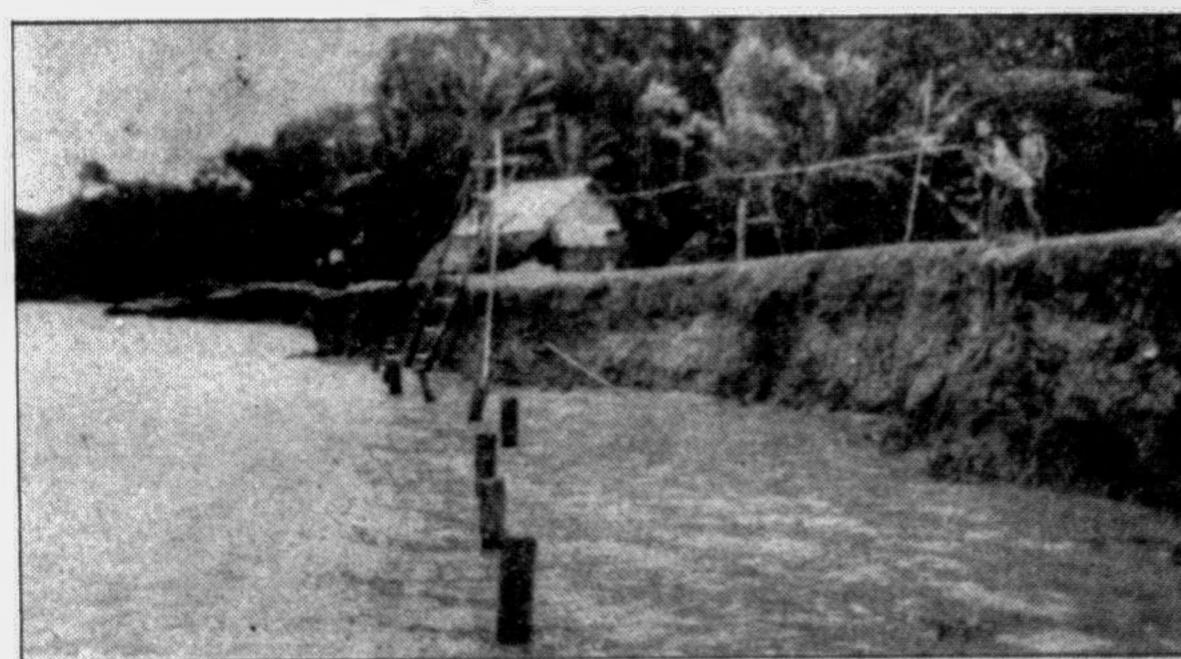
epidemic form. A total of 119 medical teams including 4 special medical teams headed by 4 medical officers are working in different

affected areas. Acuate scarcity of pure drinking water oral saline and medicine are prevailing in the flood affected areas. Relief work is not satisfactory. Relief materials available now in the district are inadequate in comprison with the pressing need of the flood affected people in 8

thanas of the district. Homeless flood victims of low-lying haor areas are suffering much. District administration officials, however, could not arrange any flood shelter for the victims. The flood victims in the different low-lying haor areas are living under the open sky without food.

Modern tech based pilot project sought to halt river erosion in S-districts

From Aroop Talukdar



BARISAL: Unabated erosion of the river Areal Khan.

Taltai Bamna, Betagi, and Patharghata thana areas of Barguna district, Swarupkati, Nazirpur, Kaukhali and Bhandaria thana areas of Pirojpur

district are in continuous threat of river erosion for years together.

Meanwhile, to protect Bhola town from the river ersion a - Star photo

modern technology based pilot project has already been undertaken. Such projects may also be taken up in different southern districts.

Flood damages property worth Tk 130 cr in Jamalpur dist

JAMALPUR, Sept. 28: Property worth about Tk 130 crore have been damaged in the district during the recent prolonged flood, according to an official estimate, reports UNB.

According to the Agriculture Extension Department, standing crops on 27,647 hectares of land worth about Tk 120.49 crore have been damaged while the district Fisheries Department incurred a loss of Tk 2.07 crore as huge quantity of fish and fish fries were washed away by flood waters.

Some 60 km embankments of eight roads, 55.50 km pavement, four culverts and a ferry were affected badly by the devastating flood.

District Primary Education Office said, 818 educational institutions were damaged while six disappeared into the river. At least 219 cattles and 2,396

poultry birds were killed in seven thanas of the district. Besides, 26 dairy farms, 30 cattle fattening farms, 21 layer farms. 13 pullet farms, 28 duck farms, 53 goat farms, two artificial breeding centres and a vast tract of grass land have been affected severely.

A report from Sherpur adds: Standing crops worth over Tk 55,79 crore have been damaged in five thanas of the district. According to government as-

sessment, the district incurred a loss of Tk 32.05 crore during the first phase of flood from July 10 to 27.

During the period, 837

BRAHMANBARIA: Mother of Monayem, founder of local

MA Monayem College recently distributed relief goods

among the flood stricken people of the district. The local

Deputy Commissioner was also present there.— Star photo

hectares of 'aman' seed-bed. 'aus' paddy on 3,607 hectares of land, 'aman' crop on 918 hectares, vegetables on 1,620 hectares and jute on 446

hectares of land were damaged. In the second phase from August 12 to September 7, the quantum of loss was estimate a at Tk 23.74 crore as 'aman' crops on 13,102 hectares and seed-bed on 27 hectares were

The authorities are yet to assess the quantum of third phase damage from August 8 caused by flash flood in the district. But the actual quantum of

loss is much higher than the

government estimate, said local leaders and farmers. AED sources said cash and fertilisers will be provided to the farmers to overcome the

loss and help boost production in the district. A report from Rajbari says: About 3.50 lakh people in 39 unions of the district have been affected by the devastating

flood. According to official sources, so far, 40 died due to the flood. Meanwhile, flood waters have started receding fast in the district.

Standing crops on 30,615 hectares of land totally and 31,000 hectares partially have been damaged by the prolonged flood and the crop loss has been estimated at about Tk 50 crore. Apart from this, 9,000

while 522 km kutcha and 10 km pucca roads were damaged com-

18,000 partially were damaged

The devastating flood also caused damaged to some 79 educational institutions in the district, the sources added. Another report from Bogra

adds: Agriculture Extension Department has undertaken a massive wheat and potato cultivation scheme in 16 northern districts to overcome the loss caused by the recent flood. Official sources said, under

the programme, wheat will be cultivated on 4,40,496 hectares of land while potato on 9,685 hectares. The production target was

fixed at 9,84, 486 metric tons of wheat and 13,99,800 mts of potato. In the Rajshahi agricultural

zone, wheat will be cultivated on 1,98,719 hectares of land and potato on 48,085 hectares while in Rangpur zone, wheat on 2,41,777 hectares and potato on 48,000 hectares of land. Banks will provide neces-

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PABNA: Mad rush of flood victims for relief materials near

Faces of talents

From Ranesh Maitra

PABNA, Sept 28: A total of 13 Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinees from different colleges of the district secured

brilliant results from Rajshai Board. Out of 13, seven are female examinees. Asif Ahmed Anik of Pabna Cadet College stood fourth in the

merit list of the Science group. Mohammad Kamrul Islam of Pabna Cadet College, Stood 14th in the Science group. Sardar Mohammad Aminul Haque of Pabna Cadet College

stood 15th in the merit list of Science group. Minhaz Fahis Zibran of Pabna Cadet College stood 16th in the merit list of Science group. Tanzina Hossain. of Pabna Government Edward College

stood first in the merit list of the Commerce group. Afroza Parveen of Sujanagar Nizamuddin Asgar College also stood first in the merit list of the Commerce group.

lege stood 17th in the merit list of the Commerce group. Dewan Mohammad Al-Ameen of Pabna Cadet College stood 17th in the merit list of the Humanities group. Dhananjany Kumar Saha of Pabna Government Edward

College stood 11th in the merit list of the Commerce group. Aklima Khatoon of Ishurdi Mohila College stood 17th from Commerce group in the merit list. Nargis Jahan Sumi of Pabna Governemnt Edward College

stood sixth in the merit list of woman candidates from the Science group. Zinat ara Parveen of Pabna Government Edward College

stood ninth in the merit list of the woman candidates in the Commerce group.

Zia wants to join Army



Our Staff Correspondent of Barisal Aroop Talukdar reports: Md Ziaur Rahman (Cadet No: 763 stood 17th in the HSC examination this year from Science Group from Barisal Cadet College under Jessore Education Board.

He obtained 881 marks in total with four letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and

Zia's father Md Zakir Hossein Khan of Mathbaria, Piroipur is now working as Inspector. Thana Family Planning office and mother is an assistant teacher of a gov-

ernment primary school Reading books is his hobby. He wants to join Bangladesh Army in future. Zia stood 19th from the Science group in the combined merit list in SSC examination in 1996.

Kawsar wants to be an Army officer

Kazi Md Kawsar Jahan (Cadet No: 744) stood 12th from Humanities group in the HSC exam. this year from Barisal Cadet College under Jessore Education Board.

He got 834 in total with two letters in Islamic Studies and Statistics.

His father Kazi Rashidur Rahman of Rampura, Dhaka is now working as the Managing

Director of a private farm. Travelling is his hobby. In future he wants to be an

Army officer. In 1996 he secured first division with star marks in SSC ex-

Tashbir wants to be an Army officer Md Tashbir Rahman Tash-



bir(Cadet No 733) stood 7th in the HSC examination this year from Science group obtaining 906 number in total with 4 letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Statistics. Tashbir is a gentle cadet of Barisal Cadet College. Tashbir's father Mollah

Safiar Rahman of Agailjhara thana in Barisal district is now Reading books is his hobby.

working as a District Training Officer of AED, Faridpur. He wants to join Bangladesh Army in future.

Faisal wants to be a physician

S Faisal Ahmed secured the 8th place in the HSC examination from Science group obtaining 905 marks in total with 4 letters in Mathematics. Physics, Chemistry and Biol

His cadet number is 753 of Barisal Cadet College. His father SF Ahmed of Sher-e Bangla Road, Khulna is a den

Reading books is Faisal's He wants to be a doctor in fu-

Faisal got first division with star marks in the SSC examination in 1996 from this college.



Shameem wants to be a physician



SM Shameem Ahmed (Cadet No 726) has secured 13th place in the HSC examination this year in Science group from Barisal Cadet Colelge under Jessore Education Board.

He scored 890 marks in total with 3 letters in Physics, Chemistry and Statistics. In SSC examination he got

1st division with star marks in His father Khan Mohammad Fazlur Rahman is the Chair-

man of Tuzarpur Union Parishad. Bhanga of Faridpur district. He is the second son of four children of his parents. Reading books is his hobby.

Tauhid wants to be an educationist

Md Tauhidur Rahman Bhuiyan (Cadet No: 745) secured 7th place from Science group in the HSC examination this year from Barisal Cadet College. He obtained 906 marks in to-

In future he wants to be a physician.

tal with four letters in Mathematics. Physics. Chemistry. and Statistics. His father Md Golam Kader Bhuiyan of Dania, Dhaka is a

businessman. Tauhid secured first divi sion with star marks in SSC

education in future.

examination in 1996. Stamp collection is his hobby

He desires to become an educationist after obtaining higher

Mamun wants to be CA

Khalifa Abdullah Al Mamun stood 1st in the Commerce group from BN Khan Degree College, Uzirpur of Barisal. He secured 838 marks in total with 3 letters under Jessore Education Board this year. His father Khalifa Md Shahjahan is the Store Keeper of Uzipur Thana Health Complex and mother Fatema

Mamun's hobby is to write poems, enjoing songs. He wants to be a Chartered Accountant in future. He had no private tutor, but he studied for 8 hours a day.

his parents.

Banglabazar. Villagers assembled there following a rumour. But they had to go back home frustrated after a - Star photo by Ramesh Maitra

Nasrin is an assistant teacher of a primary school.

Mamun dislikes politics. He is the elder son of 3 children of

Zannatul Ferdous of Sujanagar Nizamuddin Asgar Ali Col-