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recent flood the farmers in the district are expecting a bumper

production of 'Aman' paddy in the current season, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, the farmers

have already cultivated 'Aman' paddy on more lands than the

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function of the flood, farmers said. They expressed their hope that

plants will grow rapidly due to accumulation of Alluvial soil on

the land as a result of the flood.

Man commits suicide

GAZIPUR. Oct 2: Being failed to endure the sufferings of a critical disease, a middle-aged man committed suicide by taking poison at vil age Shakeshwar in Kaliakair thana on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The dead was id entified as Shamsu Mia, 55, a rickshawpuller. Meanwhile, pc lice recovered the body of a young woman from her house at Rat itkona in Kapasia thana on the same day. The victim was identif led as Rahiza Khatun, wife of Dulal Mia. The reason behind the death could not be known. Police, how-ever, arrested the broth er- in-law of the victim in this connec-

3 killed in L'ogra road accidents

BOGRA, Oct 2: Three people, including a student, were killed and nine others injured in separate traffic mishaps in the district on Wednesday, reports UNB.

Police said two people were killed and nine others injured when a bus rammed into a tempo on Bogra-Nagarbari road in the afternoon. One of the dead' was identified as Ziaur Rahman, a student of Bogra Cantonmer it Public School and College. In another mishap, one Shamim was crushed under the wheels of a speeding bus near Suroil on E'ogra-Naogaon road. Witnesses said the mishap took place when Shamim, who was playing football in a nearby playground, was picking up the football from the road.

973 FP staffers deprived of salaries

KISHOREGANJ. Oct 2: About 973 employees and officials of district Family Planning (FP) department are leading their miserable lives as they are not getting their salaries for the last three months, reports UNB.

Official sources said the services of the said employees are under the development budget and due to the shortage of fund they are not getting their salaries and bonuses. Due to the prolonged flood in the country most of the employees lost their standing crops and their dwelling houses. Their miseries multiplied as they are not getting their salaries duly. Having no salaries the Hindu employees are the worst sufferers as they are not in a position to celebrate the Durga Puja, their greatest festival.

Man killed by wife

SATKHIRA, Oct 2: A man was killed allegedly by his wife along with her accomplices at her parents house on Monday.

reports UNB. Police said the wife of the victim Abdur Rahim of Muragacha village in Tala thana had an illicit relation with a teacher. Following the leakage of the fact the victim went to his father-inlaw's house at Ashrafnagar of Dumuria thana in Khulna district to inform the matter to her guardians on Monday. But his wife and her accomplices, in an opportune moment, strangulated him to death on the same day. Police recovered the body and handed over it to the relatives after autopsy.

Tk 10 cr road development scheme

BANDARBAN, Oct 2: The government has allocated a total of Tk 10 crore for the development of four roads in the district, reports UNB.

Of the roads, three will be implemented by the Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board and another by Army Engineering Corps, said an official source. The CHT board will implement the Kibukchhara-Bakichhara road, Romangchhari-Miragaon road and Yangchha-Eidgaon-Lemuchhari road costing Tk 5 crore and Army Engineering Corps will implement Chimbuk-Thanchhi road at a cost of Tk 5 crore. Of the roads, Chimbuk-Thanchhi will be constructed to link with sadar thana as there is no road here for easy traffic movement. Executive Engineer of the board Satyajit Chowdhury said development works of the three roads will be started soon.

Durga Puja concludes

MADARIPUR, Oct 2: Durga Puja, the greatest religious festival of the Hindu community concludes in the district, reports

Madaripur Puja Committee took up a five-day programme to celebrate the festival. The Hindu community celebrated the puja festival by offering shasthi, saptami and ashtomi pujas on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday respectively. They observed Nabomi on Wednesday. Moha Dashomi was observed on Thursday with the immersion of the images of the Durga, according to a press release of the Puja committee.

Water scarcity in Bandarban

BANDARBAN, Oct 2: Acute scarcity of water has been prevailing in the hill district as 1,235 tubewells here remained out

of order for long, reports UNB.

People here are being forced to take contaminated water of rivers and ponds causing spread of diarrhoea and other waterborne disease alarmingly. According to PHED, there is a need of Tk 1.71 crore to repair these tubewells but allocation in this regard is yet to be made. Officials said they duly sent the proposal to the higher authorities but the fund is yet to be available. Meanwhile, Keochingkata and Uzanipara pump houses under the District Water Supply Project may disappear into the river any moment as soil under the both pump houses was washed

Tk 6.81 lakh agri-rehabilitation programme

NARSINGDI. Oct 2: The district agriculture extension department has taken up an agriculture rehabilitation programme at a cost of Taka 6.81 lakh for the flood affected farmers, reports BSS.

According to an official source, 500 small and marginal farmers in six thanas of the district will be brought under this programme. The money will be utilised to buy fertilizer, seeds and other agriculture inputs for the cultivation of winter crops.

Contraband nets seized

MUNSHIGANJ, Oct 2: Contraband fishing nets worth Taka five lakh were seized and 14 fishermen arrested on Monday by a mobile court from the river Meghna and its tributaries under sadar thana of the district, reports BSS.

The seized nets were later burnt on the spot. A fisheries department source said, the mobile court headed by 1st class magistrate Kazi Wasiuddin accompanied by the district and thana fisheries officers carried out a drive under Fish Preservatión Act at Chardumuria, Chitalia, Bakchar and Jajira in Katakhali-Khodedadpur water body and arrested the fishermen while they were fishing fries with different contraband nets.

Tk 2.74 lakh allocated for Magura farmers

MAGURA, Oct 2: Government has allocated Tk 2.74 lakh for the flood affected farmers under its agricultural rehabilitation

programme in the district, reports UNB.

Agriculture Extension Department has taken up a massive agricultural rehabilitation programme in Sadar, Mohammadpur and Shalikha thanas. Necessary seeds and fertilisers will be distributed among the farmers for the cultivation of transplanted 'Aman,' vegetables, "Boro' paddy, wheat, pulses and oil seeds on 160 acres of land under the programme. AED sources said about 500 farmers of the district will be benefited under the programme.

Cash, ornaments worth Tk 1.5 lakh looted

JHALAKATI, Oct 2: Robbers looted cash and ornaments worth Tk 1.5 lakh from two houses and wounded six inmates in separate attempts in sadar thana early Monday, reports APB. The dacoits injured Mozammel Hossain Khalifa, 40, Sufia Begum, 30 and Aminur Rahman of village Mirzapur, and Abul Hossin, 26, Rafiqu!, 12 and Mintu, 17, of village Protappur. Police and locals said a gang of some 12 dacoits, armed with pipeguns and other weapons, swooped on the residence of Mozam-

mel at Mirzapur village at about 2:30 am. They attacked Mozammel, his wife Sufia and brother Aminur, Grabbed cash and ornaments worth Tk one lakh from their house and decamped. A gang of robbers attacked the residence of one Serjgan Ali of village Protappur at about 12:30 a.m., wounded his son Abul Hossain and servants - Rafige and Minto. Police said the dacoits also looted valuables worth Tk 50 thousand and left the

Sexagenarian drowns

RANGAMATI, Oct 2: A sexagenarian woman have been washed away by flash flood in Kassalong basin of Kaptai lake near Langalmora in Sazek union of Baghaichari thana of the district while she was collecting floating firewood recently, police sources said, reports BSS.

The victim was identified as Morry Chakma, 65. Her body is recovered, Baghaichari thana police said.



RANGPUR: A view of bamboo piling work to protect erosion along right bank of the river Teesta of Gangachhara - Star photo in the district.



GOPALGANJ: Erosion of the river Modhumati has threatened village Hariduspur in the sadar thana. A houseowner shifting his house from the village.

- Star photo

200 erosion -hit families of Char Bhadrasan yet to be rehabilitated

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Oct2: About 200 families in three unions of Char Bhadrasan thana namely Char Harirampur. Char Jhawkanda and Char Bhadrasan in the district have been rendered homeless by the erosion of the river Padma during the last four months beginning from june this year.

Their sufferings were multiplied by the devastating flood. Most of the erosion victims have taken shelter in the houses of their relatives living nearby. The other erosion victims took shelter on embankments and high land. Most of them are unemployed and leading an inhuman life.

Some of the victims have complained, the relif materials reaching them are very negligi-

It is learnt that the worst erosion- hit areas include Molla Dangi, Harirampur and Shalipur.

The erosion victims seek

immediate government steps to rehabilitate them for the sake of their survival. UNB reports from Shariatpur. Erosion of the mighty river

Meghna have rendered hundreds of families homeless in two thanas of Shariatpur district over the years. Implementation of the project of construction of 20-km protection embankment from Damudya to Gosairhat thana,

undertaken by the Water Devel-

opment Board now is essential

for protection of 80 square-km

areas of the two thanas from

Damudya pourashava and river port are now threatened as more than 50 per cent of the River Protection Embankment. built some years ago in Damudya thana, was washed

A number of symposia, meetings were held in this connection where participants urged the authorities concerned to implement the protection embankment project immediately to save lives and proper-

ties here. But no effective measures were taken in this regard. Another report form Noakhali adds: The mighty river Meghna devoured a large portion of Hatiya thana in Noakhali district rendering

10,000 people homeless during the last month.

A total of 300 square km area of six unions out of nine of this thana including an important portion of the town went into the river creating panic among the islanders.

Some one lakh people have already been rendered homeless of the six unions in the last few

Steamer ghat of the Hatiya island, 24 mosques, 9 temples, five bazars, 23 educational institutions were washed away by the erosion of the river Meghna during the same period

Local people have urged the government to take immediate steps to check the erosion and rehabilitate the homeless people for the sake of humanity.

Tk 200 cr needed to repair damaged Barisal roads

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct2 : At least an amount of Taka 2 hundred crore will be required for repair and reconstruction works of the damaged roads, embankments, culverts, bridges and ferry ghats in six southern districts of Barisal division.

Md Majibar rahman. Superintending Engineer, Roads and Highways(R&H) Department. Barisal circle told this to The Daily Star recently. 'It is a masive work he added We are yet to receive the re-

quired amount of fund officially to repair the badly affected roads.embankments.culverts.b

ridges and ferry ghats, he dis-

According to official sour-

ces, damages assessed by the Department of R&H in six districts of Barisal division are: roads 87, embankments 867 kilometres, pavements (metaled roads) 541 kilemetres. culverts 178, bridges 143 and ferry ghats 10.

The damages incurred a total loss of Tk 187.06 crore in this circle.

As many as 377 kilometres area of embankments were damaged in Barisal district and 5 ferryghats were damaged in Patuakhali district. According to AED. Barisal, crops and vegetables on 2,10,869 hectares of land were damaged in 11 southern districts under AED. Barisal region.

Holas

48 confirmed officially

Diarrhoea death toll 60 in Sylhet, Sunamganj

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG: Abu Zahur Nizam of Faujdarhat Cadet

College secured 6th position in combined merit list in

HSC humanities group of Chittagong Board. He is the

grandson of late Chief Justice BA Siddiky and Al-Haj Z

Islam Chowdhury, Sitakunda, Chittagong. His proud

parents Commodore (retd) AZ Nizam and Afrin Nizam are

seen with him. Earlier Abu Zahur secured 11th position

SYLHET. Oct 2: Diarrhoea has broken out in different areas of Sylhet and Sunamganj districts during the last few

in SSC from the same board.

weeks. Atleast 60 people died of the disease while about 45,000 have been attacked in different thanas of the districts during the period. However, official sources confirmed 48 deaths in the area during the last one month.

There is acute scarcity medicines including Oral Rehydration Saline (ORS) in the government hospitals. Thana Health Complex and Union Health Sub-Centres. When contacted, the Civil

Surgeon Sylhet said, 29, persons died of the disease during the last one month. It includes, five in Sylhet Sadar, one each in Biswanath and Beanibazar. five in Balaganj, seven in Fenchuganj, two in Companyganj and eight in Kanaighat. Besides, over 4,000 others have been suffering from the disease

in all the thanas, he added The Civil Surgeon said that the shortage of medicines had

NOAKHALI, Oct 2: About 14

lakh people in the district af-

fected by the devastating flood

have been leading miserable

lives due to shortage of relief

materials, malnutrition and

lack of treatment facilities, re-

According to official

sources, some 4.49 lakh people

in Sudharam, 4.77 lakh in Be-

gumganj, 1.98 lakh in

Chatkhil, 94,500 in Senbagh,

84,000 in Companiganj and

80,000 in Hatiya thanas have

been affected by the prolonged

put figure much higher in the

tatives said some one lakh dis-

tressed people in Chatkhil, Be-

gumganj, Senbagh, Compani-

ganj and Hatiya thanas need

located 925 metric tons of rice

and Tk 10 lakh as relief for

13.63 lakh flood ravaged people

each of the affected people on an

average received 700 grams of

rice and Tk 0.74 during last two

months which is quite inade-

ment organisation 'Poor Devel-

opment Programme' (PDP).

working in remote areas said

most of the flood-hit people of

rural areas of the district are

lies in the pourashava and ur-

ban areas got relief materials

without being affected by the

They alleged that some fami-

yet to get relief materials.

Officials of a non-govern-

According to the local elite.

Meanwhile, government al-

immediate rehabilitation.

of the district till Tuesday.

But the unofficial sources

Some local elected represen-

ports UNB.

flood.

district.

quate.

been meet up with urgent supply of medicines. ORS and water purifying tablets this week. He said, diarrhoea breaks out in the Sylhet region during the post-monsoon period every evar. For this reason we have taken measures with a view to controlling it, he said adding, there is adquate arrangement

in the government hospitals to ensure proper treatment of pa-

However, a number of union parishad chairmen have alleged that the preventive measures taken by the Health Department is not adequate to cope with the huge rush of patients. Some leading people of Fenchuganj informed, the Thana Health complex is packed up with diarrhoea patients. Three people died of the diaease in the thana during the last five days, they informed.

An official of the Office of Civil Surgeon. Sunamganj informed, about 38,000 people have been attacked with the diseases in different thanas of the district during the last one

Noakhali flood victims in misery

A sexagenarian Nuruzzaman

of Choumuhani Bazar alleged

that excessive money is being

spent for entertainment and

conveyance of the relief work-

government to allocate more re-

lief materials for the flood vic-

tims of the district without

hug quantity of trees worth

about Tk 18.14 lakh of the For-

est Department, Pabna has per-

ished in the worst flood of the

trees were damaged by the pro-

the Forest Department here

went under water. Some 2.94

lakh saplings of various sizes

in the nurseries were destroyed

3 killers get

life term

on Tuesday convicted three

people and sentenced them to

life them imprisonment for

killing a minor boy, reports

of Sundalpur village Abu Hanif

of Dulighati village and

Mominuddin of Agarhati vil-

lage in Monirampur thana -

were also finned Tk 1,000 each.

in default, to suffer six months

the convicts killed Towhidul Is-

lam, 8, of Sundalpur village in

Monirampur thana on July 14,

According to prosecution,

The convicts — Reazul Islam

JESSORE, Oct 2: A court here

longed flood in Pabna zone.

Sources said nearly 4.5 lakh

As many as 12 nurseries of

further delay.

century.

more RI.

Local leaders appealed to the

APB reports from Pabna: A

The disease has claimed a total of 19 lives in the district during the period, he added. Most of the dead are children the source said adding, treatment of poor people were being serously hampered due to bad communication system. It may be stated here, boat is the only means of communication in

district. In total, 136 medical teams had been formed in the district for ensuring treatment of the diarrhoea patients, the source

most of the villages in almost

all the thanas of Sunamgani

UNB reports from Kishoreganj: At least eight people died and more than 3,000 were attacked by diarrhoea in the district in 2 days. The disease has broken out

in an epidemic from in Hosainpur, Bhairab, Karimganj, Astagram, Kuliarchar and sadar

Admitting the death and the situation, Civil Surgeon Dr Abdur Razzak said acute scarcity

Besides, about 1.36 lakh

saplings belonging to the Rail-

way and Roads and Highways

were also destroyed in the

in Bera, Santhia, Faridpur, At-

gharia, Bhangura and Chatmo-

har thana in Pabna district and

Belkuchi, Shahjadpur,

Chowhali, Raiganj, Tarash,

Kazipur and Ullapara thana in

along four-kilometre-long town

protection embankment in

Kazipur thana in Sirajganj dis-

trict have been devoured by the

Zhahir Uddin told that the For-

est Department has taken up a

programme for making up the

losses suffered during the flood.

the damaged embankments and

connecting roads during the

ganj: Bangladesh Water Devel-

opment Board (WDB) has taken

up a project to construct a 42-

km flood control embankment

from Gopalganj to Takerhat,

will later be handed over to the

Roads and Highways Depart-

ment to facilitate the move-

ment of vehicles between

modes of vehicles between

Gopalganj and other districts

remained suspended as the re-

cent flood has badly damaged

the existing road at Haridaspur

and Bharerhat areas.

At present, movement of all

Gopalganj and other districts.

The embankment-cum-road.

current fiscal year, he said.

in Gopalganj district.

Trees will be planted along

UNB reports form Gopal-

Divisional Forest Officer

Moreover, some 6,000 trees

Sirajganj district, sources said.

Saplings have been damaged

by the flood waters.

flooding.

river Jamuna.

of medicine is prevailing in the district. He said 206 diarrhoea pa-

tients were admitted to hospital in a critical condition during the last 48 hours.

Union Parishad chairmen and members of the worst affected areas complained negligence of the medical teams in taking care of the patients. They also requested the Civil Surgeon to rush medicines to the areas.

Some 176 medical teams are engaged in 13 thanas of the district to combat the disease. Eight deads are Rehana Akhtar, Phul Mia, Riday, Ak-

lima, Uzzal, Sultan, Rina and

Lutfar. Meanwhile, the district control room recorded 111 deaths in diarrhoea and drowning since August 13. The number of people attacked by diarrhoea is 51,342.

The diarrhoea victims figure of the district control room contradicts with that of the Civil Surgeon who says 40,000 attacked on whom 49 died.

Bagha thana AL leader arrested

From Our Corrspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 2: Police recently arrested the general secretary of Awami League Bagha thana unit and Chairman of Pakuria Union Parisad Akkas Ali from Laxmipur in the city. According to police, Akkas

Ali and his gang robbed seized contrabands from the police custody at Baghanarayanpur Sarak ghat in Bagha thana on September 6. The contrabands were smuggled from India by his brother Shamsul on the same day and were seized by po-

Police filed a case in this connection, but Akkas was absconding.

Bagha police infromed that there were 13 cases against Akkas Ali of terorism, robbery and smuggling. Akkas led a group of terrorists, whohad allegedly ransacked the house of BNP activist Manzoor Kader and pulled off clothes from two women on July 20.

Acting on a secret information, distinct police, assisted by the metroplitan police, arrested Akkas. President of Bagha thana

Chattra League Shariful Islam in a press release welcomed the arrest of Akkas, while president and general secretary of the district unit of Juba league Asaduzzaman Asad and lecturer Asaduzzaman in a joint statement condemned and protested the arrest and demanded his immediate release.

Date extended for identifying, enlisting internal refugees of CHT

From Our Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Oct2: The date for identifying and enlisting the internal refugees of Chittagong Hill Tracts(CHT) has been extended upto October 15.

This was decided at a meeting of CHT task force on Tribal Refugee Rehabilitation Affairs (TRRA) held recently at the local cricuit house. It was also decided to identify and enlist the non-tribal people who had taken refuge due to political unrest between August 15, 1975 till August 10, 1992 in the CHT region. The enlistment of nontribal people has been opposed

by the PCJSS. Chairman of the task force on TRRA Dipankar Talukdar MP, presided over the meeting. It was attended by the Regional Commander of Khagrachhari region Brigadier Mohammad Ali. Deputy Commissoners of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Banderban hill districts, Director of Co-ordination, Special

Affairs Division of Prime Minister's Secretariat, representatives of 3 hill districts, Local Government Council, eight TNOs of Khagrachari, PCJSS representative Sudha Sindu Khisa and representative from Tribal Refugees Welfare Asso-ciation Bakul Chandra

The meeting was conducted by Md Shakhawat Hossain, Di-

Thana committees were formed to identify and enlist the internal refugees being kept inactive due to objection raised by the PCJSS. Such objection has been withdrawn after dis-

cussions in the meeting. Dipankar Talukdar said, the next meeting of the task force on TRRA will be held in Banderban. The date of meeting is



tion (NGO) recently distributed bread among the flood victims at Kasemabad Siddiquia Alia Madrassa in Gournadi - Star photo thana





handing over relief goods to the executives of Bangladesh Journalists Association, Chandpur unit for distribution among the flood affected people of the district.



MUNSHINGANJ: Shapla Jubo Sangha, a local youth organisation, in collaboration with Almarkajul Islami, Bangladesh recently distributed relief goods among the



Chakma.

visional Commissioner of Chittagong division and membersecretary of the task force on

yet to be finalised.



FARIDPUR: Local MP Advocate Mosharraf Hossain recently distributed relief materials among the flood victims of Gazirtek in Char Bhadrasan thana. - Star photo

CHANDPUR: Chandpur Zilla Welfare Association, Dhaka



flood affected people of Mahakali union in Munshiganj



GOPALGANJ: Young doctors distributing relief materials among the flood victims at Chandmari in Gopalganj mu-- Star photo nicipal area.