

News snaps

Bidi factory supervisor killed

CHANDPUR, Oct 5: A supervisor of a bidi factory at Hajiganj Bazar was killed by unidentified miscreants on Friday, reports UNB.

Uplift schemes progressing

RAJBARI, Oct 5: The government has been implementing 674 rural infrastructure development projects in the four upazilas in the current fiscal year, reports BSS.

Tribal cultural festival

NAOGAON, Oct 5: The traditional tribal cultural festival popularly known as 'Karam Utshav' was held last week at Nazipur public playground under the sadar thana, reports BSS.

13 truck labourers detained

TANGAIL, Oct 5: Thirteen members of local Truck Sramik Samity were detained here on Friday for one month on charge of extortion from trucks, reports UNB.

New principal of B'baria College

BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 5: The new Principal of Brahmanbaria Government College, Prof Md Ashraful Islam, took over at a simple function on September 27, reports BSS.

Memo submitted to Zakiganj TNO

SYLHET, Oct 5: Waterlogging, attributed to silting up of haors and canals, has become a regular phenomenon in Zakiganj thana, forcing the farmers to keep their croplands uncultivated, reports UNB.

Onion-laden truck seized

NAOGAON, Oct 5: An onion-laden truck seized on Sept 28 went missing mysteriously from Sadar thana, reports UNB.



Kamdhenu: The cow in the picture gives 3 litres of milk every day without giving birth to any calf. Owner of the cow Kamrul Islam of village Majgram in Magura sadar thana patting her in front of curious visitors. — Star photo

Rat killing drive

MAGURA, Oct 5: Local Agriculture Extension Department has launched a month-long rat killing drive in four thanas, reports UNB.

Four fishing trawlers looted

BARGUNA, Oct 5: Four fishing trawlers were looted in the Bay in last four days ending on Saturday, marking a rise in incidence of piracy, reports UNB.

Discussion on Elderly Day

SATKHIRA, Oct 5: A discussion meeting to mark the International Elderly Day organised by the District Social Welfare Department was held on Friday at Shahid Abdur Razzak park here, reports BSS.

Scarcity of fish

NARAIL, Oct 5: All species of fish are gradually disappearing from the markets in southern region including the district, reports UNB.

PBC pipeline installed

JHALAKATHI, Oct 5: To ensure uninterrupted water supply in the town, a new PBC pipeline is being installed at a cost of Tk 20 lakh, reports UNB.

Dissent over appointment of headmaster
Magura high school remains closed for about one month

From A Correspondent



The main entrance of Rani Patil Pabon High School under lock and key. — Star photo

MAGURA, Oct 5: A high school in Mohammadpur thana have remained closed for about a month following dissent over appointment of a new headmaster.

As a consequence, the students of Nohata Patit Pabon High School have to pay the price. The guardians have become very anxious now about the future of their wards.

After the retirement of the former headmaster, Altaf Hossain, an interview was held for recruitment of a new headmaster. Six candidates including Tafsir Ahmed, Assistant Headmaster of the aforesaid school and Mattur Rahman, Chairman of Nohata Union Parishad took part in the interview. The interview board selected Tafsir Ahmed as headmaster on September 8. Being annoyed with the selection some local influential persons locked the office rooms of the school on September 9. Since then the school remained closed.

According to a directive of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Magura, local magistrate Md Sabirul Islam went to the spot on September 18. After opening the locks he gave the responsibility of the school to Abdullah-Hel-Baki, president of the managing committee. But after only half-an-hour of exit of the magistrate from there the same group of influential locked again all the rooms of the school including its main gate. While visiting the school recently this correspondent found that all the class rooms of the school had remained locked.

Violation of traffic rules rampant in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Oct 5: Violation of traffic rules is rampant in the district headquarters, causing immense sufferings to the town dwellers.

It is one of the reasons for traffic jam here. Illegal parking of rickshaws, rickshaw-vans, buses, trucks, baby-taxis and other vehicles is a common feature.

The situation is worst in the busy commercial areas. Vehicles remain stranded on the roads in the area for hours.

Vehicles often carry passengers and goods on roofs of passenger vehicles. Many mechanically defective vehicles emit black smoke. About 15 thousand rickshaws ply here. But only six thousands have licences.



Scores of rickshaws creating jam on the main street of Jamalpur town. Such scene is a regular phenomenon here. — Star photo

Local people have urged authorities concerned to take immediate steps to check the violation of traffic rules.

1,398 tons of rice for VGF card holders

BARISAL, Oct 5: The government sanctioned 1,398 tons of rice for distribution free of cost among the destitute people in ten upazilas and four pourashavas of the district under the Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) Programme, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the Relief and Rehabilitation Department has issued 46,600 VGF cards for the three Bangla months — Bhadra, Ashwin and Kartik.

Seventy-five tons of rice will be distributed against 2,500 cards in Agaljhara upazila, 105 tons of rice against 3,500 cards in Gourmadi, 135 tons against 4,500 cards in Wazirpur, 105 tons against 3,500 cards in M-

Smuggled goods seized in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Oct 5: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized smuggled Indian goods worth about Taka eight lakh from Mohepur thana on Thursday.

Acting on a tip-off BDR men sized onion, sugar and motor parts from a truck. Goods were deposited to the Customs warehouse.

A case was filed.

Body recovered

Satkhira sadar thana police recovered the mutilated body of abducted Salek from Laxmidari border area in the Sadar thana on September 21.

Police said, being informed by the local people they recovered the body from a ditch near Bhorra land port. Abdus Salek was abducted from near his house on September 18 by a group of miscreants who strangled him to death. The miscreants kept the body hiding under the ditch water.

Lawyer dead

Eminent lawyer, educationist and renowned social worker advocate M A Gaffar breathed his last at his residence on September 8. He was 80.

He was suffering from different old-age ailments for long. He left behind his wife, three sons, one daughter and a host of grand children, relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Man held with phensidyl

Satkhira Narcotics Control Department recently conducted two separate raids and arrested one person and recovered 48 bottles of phensidyl.

A team of police headed by Shahjahan Talukdar, Inspector of Satkhira Circle of the Narcotics Control Department raided the house of Abdul Gaffar of village Babulia in the Sadar thana. They arrested Abdul Gaffar and recovered the aforementioned item from the house.

In another raid on the same day, the team recovered 43 bottles of phensidyl from Polashpole area of Satkhira Pourashava. Shamsur Ali, son of Abu Bakar and Moslem Ali, both of Polashpole village managed to escape leaving phensidyl syrup.

Headmaster dead

An eminent educationist Alhaj Sultan Ahmed, ex-headmaster of Satkhira Government Girls' High School died of heart attack at BARDEM hospital in Dhaka on September 22. He was 90.

He had been suffering from different old age ailments for long. He left behind six sons, three daughters, a good number of grand sons, grand daughters and a host of relatives and well-wishers to mourn his death.

Housewife commits suicide

One housewife committed suicide by hanging herself on September 22.

The victim was identified as Purnima Roy, 25, wife of Dilip Roy of village Bhatshala in Kaligonj thana. Police sources said that following family troubles Purnima hanged herself from a branch of a tree near her house.



Fishing time: A rural youth on board a country boat fishing with a multi-headed spear while his father, a boatman collecting his catch in a pot. This photo was taken recently from Munshiganj district. — Star photo by A K M Mohsin

Manpower shortage in Barisal Narcotics Deptt

BARISAL, Oct 5: A total of 19 posts out of 31 of the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) in five circles of the region are lying vacant since long hampering anti-drug activities, reports UNB.

The inroad of drugs from across the border and rising tendency of addiction by the youths in recent months have worried the guardians and DNC officials as well.

Of the 19-vacant posts, five are in Jhalakathi, six in Gourmadi, four in Bhola, three in Pirojpur and one in Barisal Sadar.

The Assistant Director of Barisal circle is burdened with additional charge of the Patukhali circle as the post has been lying vacant for long.

An official of the DNC said they could not tackle with the rising drug related crimes due to shortage of manpower.

The Narcotics officials have to maintain a lengthy procedure to secure the police assistance in their drive against the drug dealers and addicts.

Residents feel the urgency of

an effective anti-drug drive by Narcotics officials and police to check the rising drug related crimes and drug infection among the youths.

10 schoolboys hurt in clash in Gopalganj

From Our Correspondent GOPALGANJ. Ten schoolboys were injured in a clash between two rival groups here recently.

Witnesses said the two groups -- led by Mamun Khan of class X and his classmate Matin Chowdhury -- clashed over sitting arrangement in Wahab High School premises on September 12, injuring 10. Three of the injured were admitted to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital.

The schoolboys used sharp weapons in the clash. A case was filed in this connection.

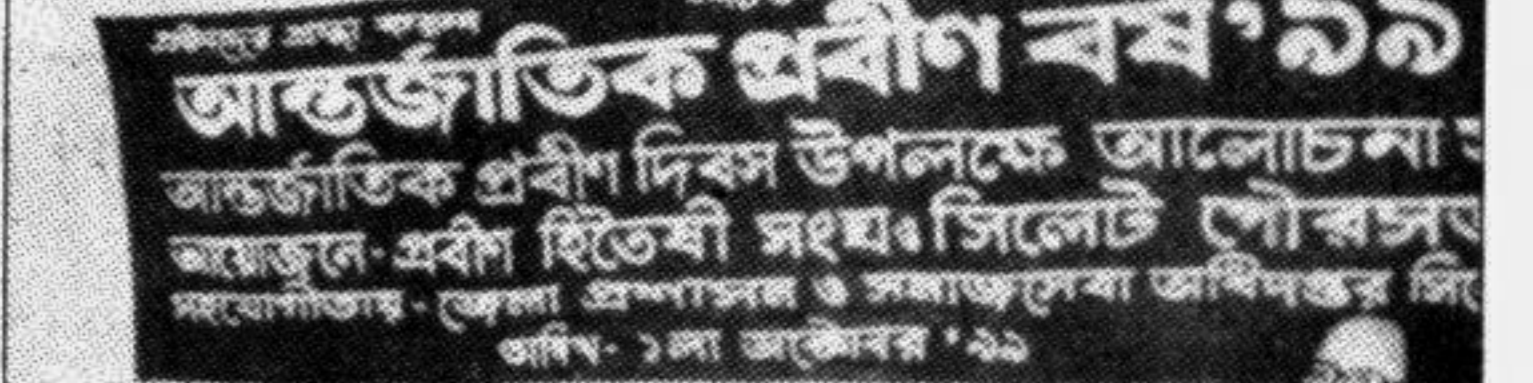
Events of districts in picture



A silent procession was brought out in Pabna town by the students of Pabna Polytechnic Institute recently. The processionists were demanding immediate implementation of their 10-point demands. — Star photo



A discussion meeting was arranged recently by Magura district unit of Juba League at Shegun Bagicha in the district town. Abu Nasir Bablu, organising secretary of the local unit of Awami League addressing the meeting. — Star photo



Deputy Commissioner of Sylhet Ali Imam Majumder speaking recently at a meeting held in observance of the Elderly People's Day in Sylhet. — Star photo



Chandpur unit of Red Crescent Society distributing relief materials among the fire affected people of village Ramdasi in the Sadar thana. — Star photo



Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mijanur Rahman Minu addressing the inaugural function of Child Rights Week on Friday in the corporation premises. A Meena Fair was also organised on the occasion. — Star photo