# 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

Police said the miscreants stormed into Karim Bidi Factory and killed its supervisor Idris Majumder, 60, of Toragarh village. Manager of the factory Deepak Saha filed a case in this connection.

### 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.

According to an official source, 186 projects are being executed under food-for-work programme in Sadar, Goalundo, Pangsha and Baliakandi upazilas. The government sanctioned 2,790 tons of wheat for the projects. The Relief and Rehabilitation Ministry sanctioned 1,128 tons of wheat for the implementation of 488 projects under Test Relief programme. The work of the projects is in full swing and will be completed before the next summer. These projects have provided job opbefore the next summer. These projects have provided job opportunities to the rural poor.

### 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. Organised by Patnitala Thana Adibashi Samaj Unnayan

Sangathan, an organisation of 18 tribal peoples of the thana, the festival attracted a large number of people. Folk songs and dances of various tribal people including Urao, Santal, Mahat, Pahan, Mundari and Mahali Karmakar were presented in the festival. Leaders of different political parties and professional organisations including Shamsuzzoha Khan MP, visited the festival venue. Handicrafts of the tribal peoples were put on

### 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.

The detainees, including Samity president Bala Mia and assistant general secretary Jamal Uddin, were arrested on Thursday. The same day, truck workers clashed with police in the town in a bid to free those arrested, leaving 25 people injured.

### New principal of B'baria College BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 5: The new Principal of Brahm-

anbaria Government College, Prof Md Ashraful Islam, took

over at a simple function on September 27, reports BSS. Earlier he was head of the Department of Economics at M M College and Vice-Principal of Tejgaon College. Prof Islam passed HSC examination from Brahmanbaria College in 1964 and obtained 12th position in order of merit.

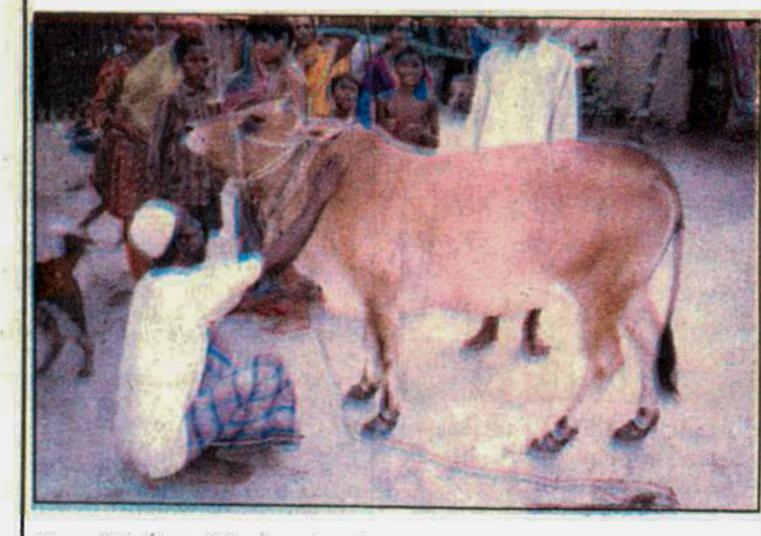
### Memo submitted to Zakiganj TNO

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.

As their frequent appeals to the authorities concerned to take immediate steps for re-excavation of canals went unheeded, hundreds of farmers demonstrated in the thana headquarters on September 26. They also formed a committee to continue their agitation and submitted a memorandum to the TNO in this connection. The farmers alleged that cultivation is seriously being hampered due to water logging in low-lying areas, including Moilaiter haor, Balair haor, Dubai haor, Things worsened with the silting up of linking canals and water bodies in Surma and Kushiara. The canals include Talgaon, Military, Senapati, Rahimpur, Maksunda and Teli waterways.

### Onion-laden truck seized

NAOGAON, Oct 5: An onion-laden truck seized on Sept 28 went missing mysteriously from Sadar thana, reports UNB. Police seized the truck, carrying 180 sacks of Indian onion. when it was passing by the police station. When asked a police-man said Bachchu Miah got the truck released showing papers that he had bought the onion from Messrs Ekota Godown in Mahadebpur thana. But the owner of the business firm said no such consignment of onion was shipped out of his godown on the day. The Officer-in-Charge of the police station could not be reached for comment even after hectic efforts.



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 infront 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.

Deputy Commissioner A K M Rafiqul Islam inaugurated the drive at a function at the thana parishad auditorium on Sept 27. Speaking on the occasion, the DC sought cooperation of all in making the drive a success.

### 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.

Police said the pirates swooped on the trawlers in different points of the sea and took away fishing nets, firewood and spare parts of trawlers worth about Tk 20 lakh. At least 10 fishermen were also injured in the attacks on the trawlers, including FV

### Discussion on Elderly Day

Tintara, FV Mayer Doa, FV Monira, FV Mahfuza and BFDC-7.

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.

Emdadul Huq, Additional District Magistrate, Satkhira attended the meeting as the chief guest. The discussion was presided over by Sheikh Mohsin Ali, Deputy Director of the Social Welfare Directorate. A big procession was brought out on the occasion by the elderly people of the town.

### Scarcity of fish

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

In the recent past fish of different species were abundantly found in each and every markets but this year no fishes except some hilsha were available in the market. The price of the delicious hilsha was also beyond the rich of the common people. Fish of different species like tatkini, khailsa, pabda, tengra, sharputi, kaika, chela and baim once found plenty here disappeared from the market recently. Experts said the production of the local fishes was dwindling because of unscrupulous use of chemical fertilisers in the crop fields.

### 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.

Pourashava chairman Muhammad Belayet Hossain has recently inaugurated the installation works. A sophisticated machine, worth about Tk five lakh, has also been bought for the project to quickly detect and repair technical faults in water supply lines.

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

JAMALPUR, Oct 5: Violation

of traffic rules is rampant in

the district headquarters, caus-

town dwellers.

traffic jam.

senger vehicles.

ing immense sufferings to the .

It is one of the reasons for

The situation is worst in the

traffic jam here. Illegal parking

of rickshaws, rickshaw-vans,

buses, trucks, baby-taxies and other vehicles is a common fea-

busy commercial areas. Vehi-

cles remain stranded on the

roads in the area for hours.

Pedestrians and school going

children suffer most due to

gers and goods on roofs of pas-

tive vehicles emit black smoke.

shaws ply here. But only six

thousands have licences, Ja-

malpur Municipality sources

said. Many rickshaw and rick-

shaw-van pullers do not use

lanterns after dusk. Besides,

many small traders and ven-

Concern over

unplanned

housing

Speakers at a discussion here

on Monday expressed concern

over the rising trend of develop-

ing unplanned housing in the

hilly town as it has been spoil-

ing the beauty of the tourist re-

They also called on the con-

cerned authorities to help en-

sure planned housing in the pic-

turesque town to get back its

beauty and restore ecological

Commissioner of the district.

Mohammad Abu Haider

Sarkar, the discussion was held

in the conference room of the

deputy commissioner in obser-

vance of World Habitat Day '99.

Rangamati Public Works

Department Tarique Mainul

Islam, Journalist Sunil Kanti

Dey and Civil Surgeon Dr

Ahmed Kabir, among others.

speech that the government has

undertaken plans in the hous-

ing sector to address the hous-

ing and ecological crisis. A

number of 61 flats are under

construction at a cost of Taka

9.6 crore to ensure accommoda-

tion of the government officials

here. Another 500 flats would

also organised on the occasion.

be constructed, he said.

Engineer Tarique said in his

participated in the discussion.

Executive Engineer of

Presided over by the Deputy

sort, reports BSS.

balance.

RANGAMATI, Oct 5:

Vehicles often carry passen-

Many mechanically defec-

About 15 thousand rick

Violation of traffic rules

rampant in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

dors have occupied a large por-

tion of different roads, creating

obstruction to smooth traffic

BARISAL, Oct 5: The gov-

ernment sanctioned 1,398 tons

of rice for distribution free of

cost among the destitute people

in ten upazilas and four

pourashavas of the district un-

der the Vulnerable Group Feed-

ing (VGF) Programme, reports

source, the Relief and Rehabili-

tation Department has issued

46,600 VGF cards for the three

Bangla months - Bhadra, Ash-

be distributed against 2,500

cards in Agaljhara upazila, 105 tons of rice against 3,500 cards

in Gournadi, 135 tons against

4,500 cards in Wazirpur. 105

tons against 3,500 cards in Mu-

Smuggled goods

Seized in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized

smuggled Indian goods worth

about Taka eight lakh from

sized onion, sugar and motor

parts from a truck. Goods were

deposited to the Customs ware-

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

A case was filed.

Acting on a tip-off BDR men

Mohespur thana on Thursday.

JHENIDAH, Oct 5:

Seventy-five tons of rice will

win and Kartik.

According to an official

movement.

Scores of rickshaws creating jam on the main street of Ja-

1,398 tons of rice for

VGF card holders

malpur town. Such scene is a regular phenomenon here.

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

As a consequence, the students of Nohata Patit Pobon 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 Matiur Rahman, Chairman of Nohata Union Parisad 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

According to a directive of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), Magura, local magistrate Md Sabiral Islam went to the spot on September 18. After opening the locks he gave the responsibility of the school on 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 influentials 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.

- Star photo

Local people have urged au-

thorities concerned to take

immediate steps to check the

ladi, 105 tons against 3,500

cards in Hizla, 150 tons against

5,000 cards in Barisal sadar,

210 tons against 7,000 cards in

Bakerganj, 195 tons against

6,500 cards in Mehendigani, 90

tons against 3,000 cards in

Babuganj, 120 tons against

4,000 cards in Banaripara and

27 tons each in Banaripara

Bakerganj, Mehendiganj and

Gournadi pourashavas. 900

VGF cards have been issued in

getting monthly ten kilo-

Use of cow dung

on cropland

decreasing

From Our Correspondent

dung as traditional fertiliser is

now being used only as fuel for

domestic purposes following scarcity of firewood in the area.

cropland increases production

use of chemical fertiliser has

been decreasing soil fertility in

without any adverse effect.

FARIDPUR, Oct 5: Use of cow

Local people said cow dung is

Application of cow dung on

Local farmers said rampant

Star photo

Each card holder will be

each pourashava.

grammes of rice.

decreasing.

the country.

violation of traffic rules.

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

### Relief for erosion victims

From Our Correspondent SATKHIRA, Oct 5 : Bangladesh Red-Crescent Society (BRCS) of Satkhira unit distributed relief goods among 33 families for erosion affected people of Haroddah in Sadar

According to the Society sources, the relief goods were distributed among the badly affected people of the aforementioned village. Each family received four kilograms wheat, two kgs of sugar and 500 grams of soybean oil. Abul Hasan, Deputy Director of BRCS distributed the goods.

### Timber recovered

Officials of Forest Department recovered huge quantity of Pashur timber from a shrimp enclosure Datnekhali village in Shyamnagar thana recently. Forest Department sources

said that Ruhul Amin and Nuruzzaman, both of village Datnekhali entered into the Sundarbans illegally and cut Poshur timber. Later on they brought the wood from the Sundarbans and kept it in the shrimp enclosure. Acting on secret information Shariful Alam, Station Officer of Burigoalini Forest Office recovered the wood.

### 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 Bhomra land port. Abdus Salek was abducted from near his house on September 18 by a group of miscreants who strangulated 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

### 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

In another raid on the same day, the team recovered 43 bottles of phensidyl from Polashpole area of Satkhira Pourasabha. Shamsher 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 wellwishers 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.

# Manpower shortage in Patkhira Barisal Narcotics Deptt

BARISAL, Oct 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 Gournadi, four in Bhola, three in Pirojpur and one in Barisal Sadar. The Assistant Director of Barisal circle is burdened with

additional charge of the Patukahli 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.

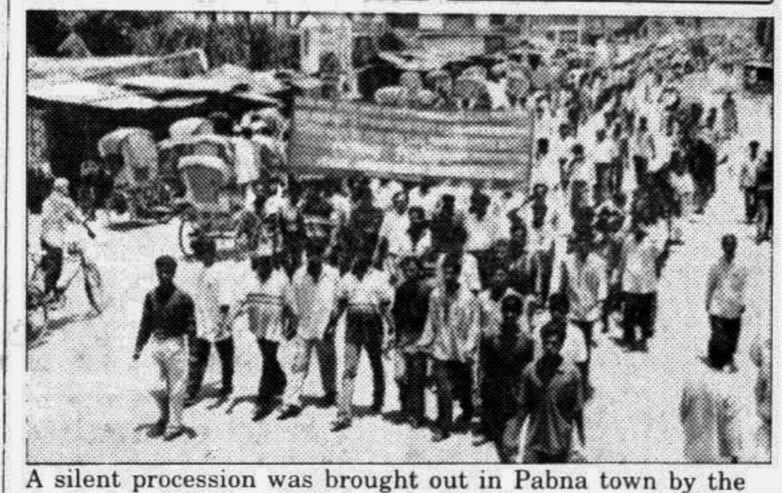
### 10 schoolboys hurt in clash in Gopalganj

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 Hospi-

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

# Events of districts in picture



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 Jubo League at Shegun Bagicha in the district town Abu Naser 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 - Star photo in the Sadar thana.