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Unabated erosion by the River Mahananda at Tetulia in Panchagarh district has created an alarming situation.. Lands in Bangladesh territory are disappearing into the river running alongside the border and a vast tract of land is surfacing along the Indian territory.

BNP factions united, at last

AKHTERUZZAMAN BABLU, Sirajganj

Two factions of Sirajganj unit of BNP have been united, at last. The unification move was finalised after one year nine months at a meeting held on Saturday night at the residence of Abdul Aziz Sarkar, a prominent BNP leader.

at separate programmes on various national days and other occasions. The factions led by TRM Nur-e-Alam Helal and Kazol were carrying out party activities through another party office at New Dhaka Road.

TLM fails in Narsingdi

UNB, Narsingdi

The programme for Total Literacy Movement (TLM) Dipyaman Narsingdi phase-1, launched in four upazilas out of six in Narsingdi district has failed to achieve the target.

teachers, publicity and motivational work. It is not yet clear if the education centers will be reopened. The teachers were engaged on a monthly retainer allowance of Tk 500 and supervisors Tk 800.

The TLM authority after proper training entrusted one teacher to run one centre. The government is to supply books and other necessities for running the education centres even at night.



Muktagacha upazila unit of Awami League protested the evil designs of the communal forces by arranging a meeting in Muktagacha recently. A procession led by the central leader of Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote, cultural organisation of the ruling party, and noted social worker Rashida Muihuddin followed the meeting which paraded the main thoroughfares of the town.

Officials claim 2,81,574 illiterate adults were brought under the programme. But soon the teachers, supervisors and coordinators involved in the programme were disillusioned for nonpayment of salary and lack of logistic support.

But the project was stopped midway. Total population of the project area is 15 lakh of whom 2,81,574 illiterate adults were planned to give non-normal education in phase-1 of the project.

Problems grip Netrakona Maternal, Child Care Centre

JAHANGIR ALAM, Netrakona

Netrakona Maternal and Child Care Centre which is only shelter for pregnant women and new-born children is beset with multifarious problems including shortage of seat, accommodation problem, shortage of medicine and accommodation problem.

As a result all pregnant women here are compelled to come to Netrakona Maternal and Child Care Centre. When contacted with Dr Ferdous Ara Akther, In-Charge of the hospital, she told this correspondent that 10 to 15 pregnant women come here for delivery very day.



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(L-R) A physician inquiring about the condition of health of a patient, while a pregnant woman is seen flooring due to acute accommodation problem at Netrakona Maternity and Child Health Care Centre.

Crimes up in Jamalpur, Faridpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminal activities like murder, rape and clash have increased alarmingly in recent days in Jamalpur and Faridpur districts, indicating deterioration in law and order situation.

was identified as Atique, son of Abul Hasem of Jhigatola area in Jamalpur town. The hoodlums took the boy in an under construction building and strangled him. Local people have expressed concern over the upward trend in murder, rape and violence.

Factional clash: BNP leader hurt in Jessore

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

The General Secretary of Chowgacha upazila unit of BNP, Zohurul Islam, who is also the Chairman of Potibila union under the same upazila and two other party activists have been injured, one of them very seriously in a violent clash between two rival groups at Panchnauma, near Chowgacha bazaar on Saturday.

Rail stations in Chuadanga in bad shape

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chuadanga

Hundreds of train passengers in Chuadanga district have been facing immense sufferings because of the poor services at rail stations. The passengers said the condition of ten railway stations in the district is deplorable. Outsiders and vendors usually occupy the waiting rooms of the stations, they added.

Boro farming going on in full swing in two dists

AGENCIES, Panchagarh/ Mymensingh

Despite facing many problems, the farmers of Panchagarh and Mymensingh districts employed their full strength to cultivate Boro paddy. Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) sources said some 24,500 hectares of land has been brought under Boro cultivation in the current season in Panchagarh with an output target of 74,000 mts of paddy.

cross the target if favourable weather prevails throughout the season. Cultivation of Boro paddy in all the 12 upazilas under Mymensingh district is going on in full swing. DAE took a massive plant to bring 2,82,000 hectares under Boro cultivation in Mymensingh district during the current season.

NEWS SNAPS

Schoolboy drowns

UNB, Jhalakathi A schoolboy drowned in a pond at Kathalia upazila in Jhalakathi district on Wednesday. The dead was identified as Sumon, 10, a Class-III student of Kathalia Model Government Primary School and son of Kabir Hossain Jamadar.

Students yet to get textbooks

UNB, Barguna Although the new academic year began one and a half months before, primary students of Barguna district did not receive all the textbooks yet. "Only a few books reached the students, we don't know when all the students will get all the books to start their study," said a visibly looking disappointed guardian.

24 mini irrigation schemes abandoned

UNB, Kurigram Some 24 mini irrigation schemes in greater Rangpur and Dinajpur districts remained abandoned for want of fund. Water Development Board had taken up the schemes in 1965-66 to provide irrigation on 12,186.64 acres of land in 13 upazilas of Kurigram, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Rangpur, Gaibandha and Dinajpur districts.

Tk 6.56 lakh looted

UNB, Narayanganj In a dacoity armed bandits looted Tk 6.56 lakh in cash and gold ornaments from a house at Uttarpara of Kadamtali village under Siddhirganj upazila in Narayanganj district on Saturday night. Police said a gang of 8/10 masked robbers entered into the house of Humayun Kabir, a local agent of Akiz Biri Company and decamped with the booty.

Construction work on a 29-metre long bridge has begun at Shahmirpur in Pangsha upazila in Rajbari district at a cost of Tk 26.34 lakh. Local MP Mohammad Zillul Hakim formally inaugurated the construction work on Thursday. Officials said the bridge would be completed in the current fiscal under the supervision of District Council.

Liquor seized: One held

UNB, Habiganj Police arrested a man along with 95 bottles of Indian phensidyl and 66 bottles of liquor from Sabashpur village in Sadar upazila in Habiganj recently. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of Abdul Wahid and arrested him along with the drug and liquor. A case was filed.

113 more community clinics to be set up

UNB, Joypurhat The government has decided to set up 113 more community clinics in five upazilas in Joypurhat district in the current fiscal. A total of 47 community clinics have already been constructed in the district in an attempt to reach the healthcare facilities to the doorsteps of rural people.



Standard Chartered Bank organised a children's painting competition recently on the first anniversary of its branch in Sylhet. The competition was held in the premises of the bank branch which was participated by the students of two prominent schools of Sylhet-Ananda Niketan and Blue Bird High School. The participants were of two age categories: 8 to 12 years and 13 to 16 years.