A window to poverty alleviation

Goat rearing earns hefty profit for the poor in 10 SW districts

AMANUR AMAN, back from

Goat farming is changing the life of many ultra poor families in remote villages in ten southwestern districts.

The government's 'national $programme \, for \, poverty \, alleviation \,$ through goat tending' has created great enthusiasm among the poor in the

Many of the ultra poor this correspondent talked to during a recent survey said they earned good profits in last one and a half years. The programme was launched two years

The government distributed Tk 23 crore soft loans among 52,156 poor people in the districts through Livestock Department, Social Welfare Department, BRDB (Bangladesh Rural Development Board), nationalized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

'police excesses'

A local journalist has been implicated in

a false case here for filing reports on

Hossain, Rupsha upazila correspondent

of Jessore-based Dainik Gramer Kagoj.

He has been named as an accused in a

bomb attack on Rupsha Thana Officer-

in-Charge (OC) Shahadat Hossain near

Bagmara Primary School on August 2

night. Two FIRs, one under Explosive

Substances Act and the other for an

attempt on life of the OC, have been

recorded with constable Kamruzzaman

as complainant. In both the FIRs he has

been named as an accused as dictated

by OC Shahadat, it has been widely

Since then Mahabbat, also convenor

SNÄPS

Rally against

A CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Members of the Jessore unit of

International Khatm-e-Nabual

Movement, Bangladesh brought out

procession in Jessore town on Tuesday

wearing kafan (burial dress) to press

their demand for declaring the

Ahmadiyyas non-Muslims. They also

held a rally at Chowrasta in the town.

Presided over by Maulana Abdul

Mannan, the rally was addressed by,

among others. Movement leader

Maulana Abdul Alim Nezami and

Maulana Ainuddin-Al-Azad, It was

announced at the rally the movement

activists would lay a siege to the Ahmadiyyas' area at Nirala in Khulna

on August 13.

Ahmadiyyas

in Jessore

The victim is Molla Mahabbat

banks and NGOs for goat rearing. The districts include Kushtia

Jhenidah, Meherpur, Chaudanga, Magura, Jessore, Khulna, Narail, Satkhira and Bagerhat More Tk 2.6 crore is being distrib-

Of the amount, the Livestock

Department distributed Tk 2 crore, BRDB and Social Welfare Depart-ment Tk 8 crore, public sector banks Tk 6 crore

Sources said people who got the loans reared 1,74,872 goats last year.

Fifty-five out of 59 upazilas in this region have been brought under the programme. Terakhada and Kira upazila in Khulna; and Sharankhola and Morelganj upazilas in Bagerhat are not included in the programme.

The goatskin produced in the country is in very good demand abroad

of Rupsha Upazila Press Club, has been

absconding, according to the OC. He

and Khulna Police Superintendent (SP)

dent that Mohabbat having a close link

with outlawed Purbo Banglar

Communist Party (PBCP-Janajuddho)

planned the bomb attack. Khulna City

BNP president M Nurul Islam MP, and

all journalists of Khulna have sharply

According to an inquiry it has been

revealed that Khulna SP and Rupsha OC

have taken a revenge against him for

writing a story condemning mass arrest

and other excesses during block raids in

Dainik Gramer Kagoj and other local

and national dailies, about 218 persons

had been arrested during the period. It

Manikgani on Monday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

including the alleged mastermind.

Police yesterday chargeheeted eight

persons in Hafez Abu Bakkar Siddique

Murder case by dropping four persons

Noor Mohammad Sheikh, Officer-

in-Charge of Kaligoni thana, who is the

investigation officer (I.O) of the case,

submitted the charge sheet to a First

class Magistrate's court after about six

months' investigation, court sources

The eight are Zohur Ali, Ahmed Ali,

Abdul Khaleque, Abu Bakker, Mukul,

Rezaul and Harun, all of Magri village,

and Anisur Rahman of Bagbati village in

Kaligonj Upazila.

According to reports published in

reacted to the development

Price for report on

'police excesses'

because it is the best in the world, sources said.

It is known as 'Black Bengal' in foreign markets because most of the goats in Bangladesh are black.

Zinarul Islam, a 35- year old young man of Jagarkundi village in Mehrpur, said the profit he earned from goat rearing was beyond his imagination some months back.

"I earned Tk 20,000 by selling only10 goats, which I had bought with Tk 10,000 only eight months back. Zinarul got Tk 15,000 loan from Kushtia Social Welfare Department office.

This year Zinarul is tending 25 goats with a target to earn Tk 50,000.

Union Parishad member Rokeya Khatun is tending 27 goats in Dudhkumra village in Kumarkhali

Last year she tended 11 goats and

has been widely alleged, 153 persons

had been freed in exchange of bribe

amounting to Tk 1,000 per head.

Remaining 65 persons had been shown

houses and broke utensils, furniture,

other households and looted rice and

lentil. They beat many innocent men

because he strongly protested police

excesses, Union Parishad Chairman of

Naihati in Rupsha upazila told thid

correspondent. On contact, Khulna

City BNP President M Nurul Islam MP

has told that police excesses had been

done with a motive to tarnish the image

men of Rupsha upazila are 'outlaws'.

According to OC Shahadat, all young

Abu Bakkar Siddique, 26, son of Ekim

Sheikh of Magri village had fallen in love

with Khadiza Khatun, daughter of

Abdullah Shaikh of Kakshiali village.

They left house and married on

Hospital on February 10 from injuries he

the victim, filed a case with Kaligonj

thana accusing 12 people including the

eight. But four of the accused-- Abdulla

Sheikh, Arizul, Shidul and Sirajul--have

spondent that he will submit a "Naraji"

Mujibar Rahman told this corre-

been dropped from the charge sheet.

petition against the charge sheet.

suffered allegedly from beating.

Abu Bakkar died at Khulna Sadar

Muiibar Rahman, elder brother of

of the government.

JSD President Hasanul Haque Inu distributing relief among flood victims in

ABU BAKKAR SIDDIQUE MURDER CASE

'Mastermind' dropped

February 4.

from charge sheet

Police wrath has fallen on Mahabbat

and women in name of block raids.

During the raids police ruined 50

earned about Tk 8000, she said About 500 families in the areas ar

tending goats. But all of them have a common problem. Scarcity of vaccine is the main

problems, they said. "The government is giving us loan but not supplying vaccine and medicine to treat diseases of our goats", said Salim Ahamed of Dudh-kumra village. He is

Goat fodder is another problems because pasturelands are few, he said. Veterinarians of the Livestock

Department never visit our houses, they said. They demand money when we take our sick goats to their office at the upazila haedquarter, many goat farmers

The government should come forward with more facilities to encourage people in this profitable business,

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

three local dailies were sued on Monday for publishing 'defamatory

The journalists are The Daily Juger

The complainant is Noor Muhamad son of Liakat Ali of Datnekhali village in Shyamnagor upazila. He filed the case in a magistrate's court for publishing 'defamatory stories' 'in collaboration with each other' in their dailies on July 17 and August 6. 'They did so because he did not concede to their demands according to the complainant.

After a hearing the magistrate passed the order for a judicial inquiry into the matter.

withdrawal of the case.

6 newsmen sued in Satkhira

Six journalists including editors of stories' against the complainant.

Barta Editor Abu Naser Md Sayeed and the paper's Shyamnagor correspondent Anisur Rahman, The Daily Patradut Editor Lutfunnesa Begum and the daily's correspondent Abdul Hakim and The Daily Satkhira Chitra Editor Anisur Rahim and its correspondent Pabitra

Local journalists protested the incident and demanded immediate

victims in Manikgani

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu)

President Hasanul Haque Inu on Monday criticised the government for failure to mitigate the sufferings of

ISC Inu Joint Secretary Igubal

Extortionists burn house of newsman at Natore

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

toll on Monday.

The criminals tried to kill his family members. But they saved themselves from their wrath by fleeing from the

The attack was made on the house of Natore Zilla Press Club president and Dinkal newsman SM Manjurul Hasan in Sadar thana for his denial to pay extortionists Tk two lakh as per their demand. They poured petrol on the house and burnt a portion of it. Later,

A case was filed against five persons. However, none was arrested.

Inu distributes relief among 4,000 flood

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

He criticised the government while addressing a meeting on the ISD office premises here before a relief distribution programme. He distributed rice, potato, pulse and oral saline among 4,000 floodaffected people.

Hossain Khan, BCL President Shariful Khokon Swapon, JSD Manikganj district unit Joint Secretary Jebesh Chakrabarty, Organising Secretary Aslam Khan Babu, Bangladesh Chhatra League Joint Convenor Mohabubul Alam Babu adressed the

A journalist's house in Natore was set afire by miscreants for non-payment of

local fire fighters extinguished the fire.

Barisal outlaws listed, drive soon

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

NATIONAL

Police have prepared a list of 86 outlaws in Babuganj, Uzirpur and Gournadi upazilas of

the district. Of them 37 are in Babuganj, 31 in

Uzirpur and 18 in Gournadi, police sources said yesterday. Most of them belong to the two

notorious gangs known as Kamrul Group an Zia Group. Rab Unit-6, now stationed in Khulna, will assist Barisal police in

operations to nab the outlaws, the

In the last four months, at least ten political murders were committed in the three upazilas, allegedly by out-

The victims include Union Parishad Chairman and Awami League leader Abani Baroi, Workers Party leaders Babulal Shil and Hiralal Biswas and

Chhatra League leader Mantu Bepari. Besides, outlaws are blamed for at least 50 armed clashes and incidents of attack on villagers in the areas during the period

Meanwhile, police have launched a campaign among people to help police nab the outlaws and criminals.

Barisal Police Superintendent Mainur Rahaman Chowdhury held two meetings with grassroots level people's representatives at Agarpur and

Babuganj upazila headquarters on July 20, urging them to stand by police in their drive against outlaws.

Sources said most of the outlaws are sheltered by influential political lead ers of ruling and opposition parties.

Satkhira poura polls on Sept 8

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Satkhira Pourashava election schedule has been announced.

The election will be held on September 8. The last date for filing nomination paper is August 16. Those will be scrutinised on August 17.

The last date for withdrawal of candidature is August 23. Incum-bent pourasaba chairman and Awami League leader Sheikh Ashraful Haque and BNP leaders MA Jalil and Syead Iktiar Ali are likely to be the main contestants for the post of chairman.

More than 55 candidates are expected to contest for the posts of nine ward commissioners and 11 women candidates for three seats reserved for woman commissioners, according to sources.

Returning Officer Monirul Islam said there are 57316 voters in the nine wards in the town with a population of over 86000. Meanwhile the prospective candi-

dates have already started campaign. They are meeting people and distrib-

Life for 2 rapists in Nilphamari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamar

Two persons were sentenced to life term rigorous imprisonment (RI) by a court here in a rape case on

The two convicts are Mamunur Rashid and Belal Hossain.

Both of them raped a housewife at Khalisha Chapani union in Dimla upazila at dead of night on October 25, 1988. After the incident victim's husband Momtaz-uddin filed a case at Dimla Thana.

The Judge of District Women and Children Repression Preven-tion Court Sheikh Rawnakul Islam announced the verdict.

Special Public Prosecutor Mizanur Rahman conducted the case in favour of the plaintiff while Advocate Jamil Ahmed stood for the

Leaders' tussle troubles townspeople

AL Poura Chairman and BNP MP at loggerheads in Syedpur

Normal activities of Syedpur municipality have come to virtual standstill due to a conflict between newly elected municipal chairman Akhtar Hossen Badal of opposition Awami League and local lawmaker Amiad Hossain Sarkar of

Amjad Hossain is also the immediate past chairman of the municipality.

Sources said the conflict ensued from appointment of 17 new municipal employees made by outgoing chairman Amiad Hossain at the fag end of his tenure allegedly without consulting the chairman-elect.

The municipal election was held on May 6. Akhtar took charge on May 29. The 17 employees were appointed on

Akhtar says Amjad had no right to appoint employees six days before his takeover without consulting him.

Meanwhile, the 17 employees filed a case alleging that the municipal chairman was not allowing them to sign the

chairman denied the allegation and field a case against them for "creating anarchy and chaos"

The district administration probed the allegation on August 4 but the findings are yet to be made public.

Syedpur, with a population of around 2.5 lakh, is a Class one municipality and is regarded as a stronghold of BNP. Majority of the townspeople are Urdu speaking Beharis,

But in the last pourasabha election, the BNP candidate, who is the younger brother of Amjad Hossain, was defeated $by AL\, candidate\, Akhtar\, Badal.$

Akhtar says the municipality is in deep financial crisis. Fifty-six regular employees are not getting salary for 42 months and 29 others are yet to get their retirement benefits. The total dues to employees is now over Tk 1.32 crore. The new appointments are not justified in such a financial crisis, he told this correspondent

Sources said the Local Government Ministry had approved the new 17 appointments on May 20 following a proposal sent by the former chairman on March 3 this year.

To this, Akhtar said the former chairman "misled the ministry" and got the approval by using his influence as a

ruling party man. "I have asked the ministry to reconsider appointment of the new 17 employees as we are in financial crisis",

When contacted, Amjad Hossen Sarkar MP said the 17 appointments were approved by the ministry.

"Everything will be clear when the district administration investigation report is made public"

He also denied an allegation made by the new chairman that seniority was ignored in making the appointments from Master Roll employees. All appointments were done through test

He also denied the allegation by Akhtat that he was obstructing development work by the municipality.

One lakh flood victims still displaced in Bogra, Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

At least one lakh flood affected people are still staying on roads, embankments and high lands in Bogra and Sirajganj districts.

They have lost everything including dwellings, sources in District Relief and Rehabilitation offices in the two districts

About 20,000 of them are homeless as floods and erosion devoured their dwellings. The areas worst affected by erosion are Dhunot upazila in Bogra and Kazipara upazila in Sirajganj

The current floods affected about 27 lac people in 16 upazilas of Bogra and Sirajgonj districts, washed away over 82,000 houses and damaged another 2,

Schoolteacher Sumsul Haque of Shemulbari village in Dhanut said that he and his neighbors could not retrieve anything as their houses were washed away by turbulent Jamuna waters in minutes. Another schoolteacher Siraj and Arun Shil and Abdul Latif of Chaniapara village also made similar statements while talking to this correspondent on Saturday.

About 2,000 families in Dhanut have no alternative to living under the sky. said a government official in Bogra.

Sirajgonj DRRO sources said about 15,000 out of over 4.87 affected in the district lost everything. Most of them are living on roads,

embankments and high lands areas in The floods completely damages crops on 72,396 hectares in Bogra and

Meanwhile Mobil Jumuna Lubricants Ltd distributed relief goods among 250 flood in Dhanut.

Sirajganj, according to agriculture



A partial view of the shopping complex built on the Bogra Sadar Thana complex recently.

Cattle diseases break out in B'haria

OUR CORRESPONDENT, B,baria

Cattle diseases have broken out in different areas of the district as an aftermath of the flood, killing at least 1128 so far. Many more have been attacked.

Twenty cattleheads died on Monday and Tuesday, sources at the District Relief and Rehabilitation Office (DRRO) said vesterday. Cattle diseases like fever, cough,

dysentery and diarrhoea have become almost endemic now as all the eight upazilas and three pourasabhas were under three to eight feet water for days during the flood. Cattle suffered the most, they said. The worst affected areas are Brahmanbaria Sadar, Sarial, Kasba,

Akhaura, Nabinagar, Nasirnagor and Banchrampur upazilas, About 600 cattle died in Brahmanbaria Sadar including the pour as abha araes, they said. Malnutrition due to fodder crisis aggravated the situation.

Farmer Arab Ali at Shahiadapur village told this correspondent during a visit that two of his cattle is sick but no veterinarian visited the villages. Many farmers this correspondent

talked to said a vaccination campaign

should launched immediately to check

outbreak of cattle diseases in an epi-

demic form. When contacted District Livestock Officer Md Nurul Islam however said most of the deaths were due to malnu-

trition from fodder crisis, not disease. He said they will soon launch a programme to immunise 3,00,000 cattle and 30,00,000 poultry birds under a post-flood vaccination programme.

60 industries damaged by flood in Savar

ZAHANGIR ALAM back from Savar

Manikganj: Nearly 60 big industrial units in Savar including textile, garment and knitwear have been badly affected by the current floods.

Machinery worth crores of taka in these industries have been damaged due to inundation. This correspondent visited some of

the industries in the last three days and saw the damaged machinery, which will take some more days for renovation and involve huge costs. These include Pakiza Dyeing and Printing Industry Private Ltd, JK Fabrics, HR Textile, Biswas Group, GK Garment, Doel

Group, Aboni Knitware and Landmark. Nitai Kumer Das, Chief Maintenance Engineer of Pakiza said the floodwater damaged dyeing machines worth about Tk 1. 25 crore. "We bought Tk 80 lakh spares to renovate the machines", he said. Production at some of the units is stopped since July

He said about 1 lakh 90 thousand metres of cloth and 8,000 pieces of saree were produced in the mill daily.

Doel Group General Manager Rashid Mawla said about 16 per cent of 3900 employees are still without work as some machines in different units are yet to be renovated. The company has textile, dyeing, knitting and garment units. The ground flood of the factory

On the other hand, a large number of workers of the flood affected industries are still without work as their units are yet to be renovated, it was gathered from different sources including workers

associations and mill authorities. Most of them are in distress as they

A worker of Pakiza seeking anonym ity said, "The flood water made me jobless and my house is also damaged. However the company gave me some

Doel group GM said the company is paying the workers made jobless by

World Bank to set up information centre at CU

CU CORRESPONDENT

World Bank (WB) will set up an information centre on Chittagong

University (CU) campus. WB Senior Communication Officer Dr Subrata S Dhar disclosed this during his meet with Vice Chancellor (VC) Professor AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury at his office on Tuesday.

of the global bank including its latest publications will be available for use of students and teachers. The VC requested Dr Subrata to submit a full-fledged proposal in this

All the journals and research work

Among others, Communication and Journalism Department

Chairman Ali Asgar Chowdhury and Acting Librarian Md Abu Taher were

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Two people were killed and another

Manikganj road

mishap claims 2









National Awami Party distributing relief among flood victims in Sampashi village in Moulvibazar Sadar upazila (Left) and Uzziban Samity preparing oral saline packets (Middle) and Diabetic Samity

Make-up 3

treating patients in Brahmanbaria.