

Upazila roundup

RANGPUR

Press Club executive

June 4: Mozammel Haq and Sadrul Alam Dulu have been elected President and General Secretary respectively of Rangpur Press Club, reports UNB.

A 17-member committee was also elected with Deputy Commissioner Giasuddin Ahmed as adviser during the election on Sunday. Md Nuruzzaman was elected treasurer.

A 3-member election commission headed by Advocate Abdul Gani conducted the polls.

MANIKGANJ

Govt aims at corruption-free society: Delwar

June 4: Chief Whip of Jatiya Sangsad Khandkar Delwar Hossain yesterday said the government was committed to establish a corruption-free society and accountable administration in the country.

He urged the government employees and officials to engage themselves in nation-building activities with relentless efforts. He said peace and discipline in every sphere of the society was needed for nation's development.

The Chief Whip was addressing the government officials, teachers, students and local elite at the premises of Andharmanik Government Primary School at Harirampur Upazila.

BNP General Secretary of Manikganj district unit Abdur Razzaque presided over the meeting.

Later, the Chief Whip inaugurated biennial conference of Harirampur upazila BNP.

AGRI-VARSITY

Training course on aquaculture

From Our Correspondent

June 4: A month-long international training course on 'aquaculture' began at Fisheries Research Institute, Mymensingh for Nepalese Fishermen on June 1.

Prof M Aminul Islam, Director, Fisheries Research Institute inaugurated the training course, while Dr M A Mazid, Additional Director presided over the inaugural session. S B Shaha, Scientific Officer is coordinating the training course.

MEHERPUR

BDR-BSF meet held

From Our Correspondent

June 4: A high level meeting between BDR and BSF was held recently at Haridashpur BSF camp in the district of 24 Parganas of West Bengal, India.

The meeting was held after a gun battle between BDR and BSF personnel at Kazipur border area of Meherpur district recently.

After a five-hour long discussion both sides have agreed to maintain peaceful coexistence.

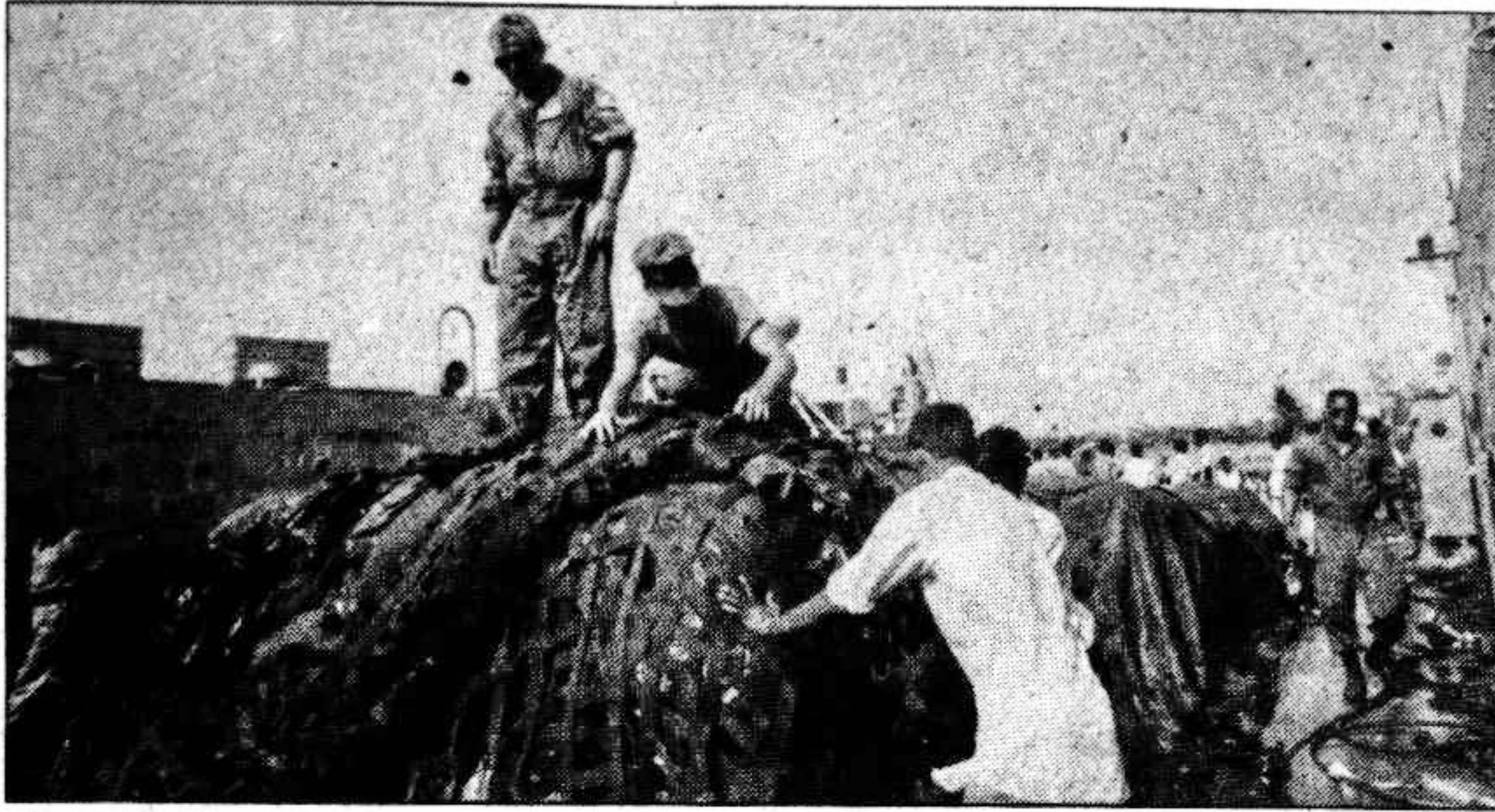
Brig Abdullah-Al-Hussain, Deputy Director General (Operation) of Bangladesh Rifles, Col Shajahan Chowdhury, Director (Operation), Col KM Anwar Hossain, Sector Commander, Khulna and Lt Col Mustafa Anwar and Lt Col Mubarak Hossain, Commanding Officers represented Bangladesh side while Sree Shankar Sen, DG, BSF (Calcutta), Sree SA Bedi, Sector Commander (Krishnanagar) and two other Battalion Commanding Officers of BSF attended from Indian side.

PATUAKHALI

One electrocuted

June 4: Md Abdul Gani Biswas (48), a designer is engineering branch of PWD Board, Patuakhali met his tragic end while he was repairing the coil of his household electric heater.

It is learnt that Abdul Gani Biswas was mending his heater coil when there was no supply of electricity in the town. But he did not disconnect the switch while doing so. Suddenly when power supply was restored Abdul Gani Biswas collapsed before being able to understand any thing. The news of his sudden death cast a shadow of remorse among the people in the town. A large number of people attended his Namaz-e-Zanaza.



Chief Boatswain Mate Frank Sznajder (L) and Boatswain Mate Tracy Fugate (center) aboard a US Navy air cushion landing craft (LCAC), work with Bangladeshis tying down relief supplies for shipment to Sandwip Island. —USIS photo

Gumti project to cost huge additional fund

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, June 4: Gumti embankment project undertaken by the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) is yet to be completed. Delay in completion of the embankment has exposed over one lakh people to hazards. The project is progressing at a snail's pace. Crops on about 20,000 acres of land under the project area at Daudkandi, Devidwar, Muradnagar and Burichang have already been damaged.

Breaches have developed at many points of the embankment and vast areas of nine unions of Muradnagar have been flooded. As a result thousands of people have been affected and a large number of cattleheads and poultry birds has been lost. To save Muradnagar, Devidwar, Daudkandi and Homna from the wrath of the Gumti the project at a cost of Taka 72 crores 82 lakh was undertaken in 1984. Funded by the World Bank, the project was supposed to be completed in 1988-89. Meantime, the BWDB has requested the World Bank to extend the project for two more years and the total cost of the project has been refixed at Taka 125 crore. The proposal is now under consideration of the World Bank. There were irregularities in

land acquisition and earth cutting. The people of the area are anxiously waiting for the completion of the project.

Comilla Police arrested three persons from the town with some materials and equipment which were being used to make false marksheets, certificates of various boards and universities.

The arrested persons are Akhtaruzzaman (32), Haron Chandra Das (25) and Hafizur Rahman and according to their confession police arrested another person Bahar Mia (40).

Acting on a secret information the C.I.D Inspector Mizanur Rahman with other personnel went to "Akther block house" in New Market, Comilla and saw they were ready to make false certificates. He also seized a huge quantity of marksheets and certificates of Comilla Education Board, Chittagong University, Madrasa Education Board, Trepura Education Board etc.

Police is investigating into the matter and a case has been filed in this connection.

Defective planning hampers cultivation

From Our Correspondent

HABIGANJ, June 4: The cultivation has become uncertain on 30,000 acres of land in Gunguri haor due to defective planning of Water Development Board to protect crops from early flood at a cost of Taka 19,56,000.

The farmers alleged that cultivable lands in Habiganj Sadar, Bahubal, Nabiganj and Baniachong upazilas of the district will remain fallow if the scheme is implemented.

Besides wastage of money, it will also bring untold sufferings to thousands of peasants, they added.

The scheme included construction of 54 kilometres embankment on both sides of Karangi river, Putijhuri-Sanghat-Bagdiar road and 12 kilometres early flood protection embankment, reexcavation of 124 kilometre long hilly channel and construction of seven sluice gate.

US Task Force enters last phase of operations

CHITTAGONG: The United States Military Joint Task Force enters its last phase of operations. Winding down from two weeks of intensive work of transferring needed food, clothing and medical supplies to those uprooted by the cyclone of 29 April, Operation Sea Angel will be coming to a gradual end.

While Operation Sea Angel was in full swing, US Navy air cushion landing craft (LCAC) transported desperately needed items from the port here to the nearby island of Sandwip.

LCAC's from the navy ship USS Anchorage (LSD-36) were on their way home from the Persian Gulf when President

George Bush had them diverted to Bangladesh to help with the relief efforts. Conducting as many as four missions a day, the LCAC's transported more than 1,586.6 tons of urgently needed supplies to Sandwip during the 12 days of operations.

The LCAC is capable of carrying loads of 40 to 60 tons

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