Notes from

Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

Smuggled goods worth Taka

1,53,490 were setzed by the

BDR personnel of Jibannagar

special camp under Chuadanga

phensidyle syrup, nylon cloth, jori, chumki, tips, colour

paints and embroidery materi-

Reception

corded to Mia Md. Mansoor

Ali, local MP at Alamdanga last

being elected MP from the

Jatiya Sangsad scat no.

A civic reception was ac-

He was given reception for

The reception was arranged

under the joint auspices of the

people of Alamdanga and

Alamdanga upazila unit of BNP

which was presided over by

Mr. Noamul Haq, Convenor,

Alamdanga upazila branch of

dressed by Abdul Jaleel

Torafdar, Mizanur Rahman,

Aminul Islam and Nobisuddin

58 ticketless

passengers held

train passengers at Chuadanga

railway station while they were

travelling without ticket last

week. Of the total, 48 persons

were sent to Chuadanga court

for trial as they failed to pay

fines imposed upon them by

fine of Taka 3461 from other

arrested 18 persons. The rail-

way authority recently decided

to set up a mobile court here

at the local railway station to

check ticketless travelling it is

Operation Doorbar

der Chuadanga district during

Operation Doorbar seized

three pieces of VCP and five

Indian cattleheads from the

border area of the police sta-

tion. The Jibannagar thana po-

lice has claimed that all sorts

of crimes including smuggling,

thief, dacoity, robbery and

murder have decreased to a

great extent in the areas under

this police station after the in-

troduction of Operation

Who is at fault?

Doorbar.

Jibannagar thana police un-

learnt from a reliable source.

The mobile court realised a

the mobile court.

A mobile court arrested 58

Among others, it was ad-

The seized goods included

district recently.

Chuadanga one.

Malitha.

CHUADANGA, Sept 1:

Upazila roundup

MANIKGANJ

Indian sarees seized

From Our Correspondent Sept 1: Riverine Traffic Police (RTP) seized Indian sarees worth Taka 9000 from Aricha ferry ghat recently. Acting on a secret tip, RTP raided a Dhaka bound night coach No. Ba-533 from Jessore and recovered the contraband items.

The goods were handed over to the customs authority. None was arrested in this connection.

A case has been filed with the concerned police station. PABNA

Property worth Tk 5.40 lakh gutted

From Our Correspondent Sept 1: Property worth Taka 5,40,000 was gutted throughout Pabna district in seven fire incidents during the last five months. According to the Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence Department, Pabna the fire destroyed kutcha and thatched houses, shops, laboratories, factories and heap of straw.

C'NAWABGANJ

Heart Foundation unit opens

From Our Correspondent Sept 1: National Heart Foundation, Chapainawabganj unit was formally inaugurated at Haq Manson recently. Deputy Commissioner, Chapainawabganj, Ashraf Ali attended the function as chief guest and Mr. Abdur Rauf, Civil Surgeon, Nawabganj presided over the function. Dr. AAM Meshabul Haq. Vice President of NHF. ATM Mozammel Haq, Secretary, Mr. Tariqui Islam, Principal, Government Women's College addressed the function.

About 56 heart patients were treated on the opening day free of cost.

MALJDEE COURT Contractor

commits suicide Sept 1: Rafiq Ullah, a con-

tractor of District Council allegedly committed suicide by taking endrin at his house at village Sreepur, reports UNB. Family sources said the incident took place recently fol

lowing a family feud. An unnatural death case has been filed with the local police

in this connection.

MAGURA

One killed, 5 injured in clash

Sept 1: One Golam Nabi (30), son of Mozahar Ali Miah of village Daodanga in Shalikha upazila of the district was killed and five others were in jured in a clash between two rival groups Friday, reports

Of the injured, two were admitted to Shalikha upazila hospital in critical conditions and the three others were released after first aid.

According to a report, the clash ensued between the two groups over a petty matter. A case has been registered with Shalfkha police station in this connection.

Police investigation is in progress and no arrest has yet been made.

HABIGANJ

Girl commits suicide, one electrocuted

Sept 1: A teenage girl allegedly committed suicide and a young man of the district was electrocuted, Sadar hospital sources said today, reports

Police took away the body of Wahida Khatun (14), of village Sultanpur in Sadar upazila from her house on the basis of a report that she committed suicide by taking poison on August 26 at night and died on August 27. The reason behind the suicide could not be ascertained.

In another incident, Alias Miah (20), of village Fulpur in Nasirnagar upazila was electrocuted while he was working in a. motor workshop at Shaistaganj on August 27.

Both the bodies were sent to the Sadar hospital for autopsy. Two separate cases have been lodged with Kotwali po-

COMILLA

Sept 1: Kotwali police re-

Arms recovered

covered two pipe guns from Muradpur area of the town on

August 25, reports UNB. Acting on a tip, the police rushed to the spot and found that both the arms were abandoned by the road side.

A case has been filed in this connection.

8 dacoits held

Kotwali police arrested eight alleged dacoits in conneetion with a dacoity committed in the house of Mrs Parul Akhter, a teacher of local Bibir Bazar High School, reports

Later the dacoits made confessional statement before the court of the magistrate.

The dacoity was committed on August 7 and the mistress of the house was assaulted by the dacoits.

BRAHMANBARIA

Beggar crushed under train wheels

Sept 1: An unidentified beggar aged about 35 was crushed to death under the wheels of Sylhet bound intercity. Joyantika Express train near the railway station here Friday, reports UNB.

Police said the victim was crossing the track unaware of the approaching train which knocked him down. He was killed on the spot.

Postmortem was performed in Sadar hospital and a case was lodged in this connection with Akhaura thana.

CHANDPUR Lightning kills father, son

Sept 1: Lightning killed a fisherman and his son while they were engaged in catching hilsha over mid-Meghna near the town Friday, reports UNB.

According to eye-witnesses, Abdul Matin Kazi (40), and his son Badsha Kazi (15), along with two others had gone for fishing in the Meghna. They were caught by a heavy downpour accompanied by thunderstorm which hit both father and son killing them instantly and injuring the two others.

The body of Abdul Matin is still missing in Meghna but the body of his son was brought home at village Ghonaraidi under Sadar upazila.

BARISAL

Irrigation project completed

Sept 1: Water Development Board (WDB) recently completed an irrigation project at a cost of Tk 11.39 crore in

Bhola district, reports BSS. According to an official source, the project was financed by the International Development Agency (IDA).

The project included construction of one sluice gate, three closure dams and 26 kilometres embankment.

A total of 18,000 acres of land will be saved from salinity with the implementation of the project.

Sculpture

A meeting of the elite and the leaders of the society held at the Paurashava auditorium on August 26 decided to build a sculpture "Joddwa" in Barisal

Presided over by Mr. Ahsan Habib Kamal, Administrator of Paurashava, the meeting was addressed, among others by Messrs: Hafez Ahmed, Hemavetuddin Ahmed, Syed Ziauddin Ahmed, Enayet Hussain Chowdhury, Mahiuddin Manik (Bir Pratik), Akkas Hussain, Khalipha Saidurrahman, Shah Alam, Syed Jahangir, Abdul Gafur Mollah.

Police urged to play effective role

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, Sept 1: A discussion meeting to improve law and order situation in the district was held recently at Deputy Commissioner's conference room. The meeting was presided over by Hedayetul Islam Chowdhury. Deputy Commissioner Comilla, and it was addressed, among others, by Dr A K M Kamaruzzaman, MP of Nangalcourt, Chairman of the upazilas, UNO's DSP, DIG, Ctvil Surgeon and other officials.

Mr Chowdhury stressed the need for more effective role of police in the society to maintain the law and order situation. He urged all concerned to improve their duties to build up a terror-free and peaceful society.

Dr A K M Kamruzzaman MP also expressed his views and suggestions in this connec-



Though games and sports facilities are almost absent in rural areas, people take to different traditional sports events like, as shown in the picture, a — Star photo boat race in progress at a village in Manikganj.

Kishoreganj rly station in sorry state From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Sept 1: Kishoreganj railway station lacks basic amenities much to the inconvenience of the hundreds of passengers who gather at the platform daily.

The platform area is not adequately covered with overhead sheds to protect the waiting passengers from the scorching heat and rain. Sheds with leakages cover about onethird area of the platform. Consequently, the increasing number of passengers can hardly take shelter under the existing roof.

Apart from this there is no sitting arrangement in the platform which creates much suffering to the passengers.

in the waiting rooms are meagre. At present there are two small waiting rooms with poor accommodation arrangement for both female and male passengers of the two rooms, one is occupied for the police office during the last few years. There is no tubewell in the

health hazard the public.

On the other hand facilities

platform and paucity of pure drinking water poses serious problem to the waiting people, especially, during the hot The second and third

tracks of the platform remain dirty even with night soils. Bad smell emits all along causing The rush of hawkers, toll

3, 19,66,808 for the year and

realisation was Taka

2.90,22,000. The percentage

Satkhira Sadar, Debhata

Kaliganj, Shyamnagar, Tala,

Assassunt and Kalaroa upazilas.

Woes of labourers

and landless day-labourers of

seven upazilas of Satkhira dis-

trict have been passing their

days in acute hardship as they

mills and industries in

Satkhira district except

Sunderban Textile Mills Ltd

where only 1400 workers are

employed. Most of the landless

people of the district depend

will commence for short time

and last harvesting season

land was brought under

shrimp cultivation throughout

the district. As a result

labourers and landless people

have been passing hard days

and most of them are com-

pelled to sell their belongings

to procure money for survival.

ended before nine months.

The fresh harvesting season

Besides, maximum paddy

There are no worthwhile

do not have any work.

on manual labour.

About 1,75,000 agricultura

The sum was collected from

of realisation is 91 per cent.

collectors and beggars cause much annoyance to the travelling public at the platform often when a train arrives at the station. Conservancy service in the platform area is not at all satisfactory. The platforms are not cleaned regu larly. Absence of dustbins is another cause of insanitary condition at the station.

The platform area remains filled with filth and garbages which have turned into mosquito breeding centres. Moreover, the fused bulbs are not regularly replaced. The railway station on the whole has become an abode of floating people over the last few years. They use the platform

freely round the clock and pollute the environment. It is alleged that booking

counters start functioning just a few minutes before the ar rival of the trains. As a result many passengers fail to purchase tickets in time causing economic loss to the railway authority. It is expected that the au-

steps to improve the condition Kishoreganj railway station with a view to offering basic amenities to the passengers. Gastro-intestinal

thority will take appropriate

disease Gastro-intestinal and skin diseases have broken out in an alarming proportion in all the 13 upazilas of the district. According to the doctors a large number of patients from rural and urban areas has been pouring into their chambers everyday. Children are the worst victims.

The outbreak of the diseases are attributed to consumption of adulterated food and impure water.

Short supply of medicines in the hospitals and rural health centres of the district has aggravated the situation, I is alleged. People have urged the authorities to supply essential medicines to check the spread of the disease.

resisted if both tribals and

non-locals had been united

against the miscreants volun-

cluded strict security mea-

sures at Ghitachari-Kaukhali

and Kaukhali-Naikhkhachari

road, resolution of land-dis-

putes between tribals and non-

local settlers, payment of

compensation to the victims o

terrorism, preparation of vil-

lage-wise list of suspects and

creation of social barrier for

those who are involved in ter-

Solaiman for

unity of

nationalist forces

CHITTAGONG, Sept

Krishak Sramik Party

President A S M Solaiman

vesterday stressed the need

for unity of nationalist forces in

order to overcome the crises

faced by the nation, reports

Addressing a conference of

party workers at north Patenga

here he said that continuous

trouble in the educational in-

stitutions and activities of

armed insurgents in the Hill

Tract were disturbing stability

of the country. To solve these

national problems we need

strong unity of the nationalist

set in motion after long strug-

gle had to be safeguarded and

promoted through concerted

efforts of the nationalist forces.

his party workers of vote in

favour of BNP candidate Mr

Amir Khashru Mahmud

Chowdhury in Chittagong-8

constituency by-election to

Housewife commits

suicide

FENI, Sept 1 A young housewife of village Dharmapur

in Sadar upazila allegedly

committed suicide after she

failed to procure dowry money

as demanded by her husband

According to police, the

victim identified as Shakina

Begum (25), wife of Akbar Ali

reports UNB.

August 15.

strengthen nationalist force,

Mr Solaiman called upon

He said democratic process

forces, he added.

The other demands in

KUSHTIA, Sept 1: Physics practical question paper (2nd

part) was mistakenly distributed among the examinees on Wednesday, the third day of the HSC examination, at Mathurapur sub-centre in the district, reports UNB. After detecting the mix-up,

the question papers were immediately replaced by physics first part (theoretical) for which examination was due for the day, according to a delayed report. The examination, however, was held peacefully.

When contacted, the Deputy Commissioner told UNB that the matter has been taken up with the Chairman of the Jessore Education Board. Alternate measures are being taken by the Board for the practical question paper, he

God's wish!

MAGURA, Sept 1: A pregnant mother gave birth to a child on a rickshaw after being denied admission to the Magura Sadar Hospital, reports

Rahima Khatun (35), rushed to the hospital's emergency section with delivery pain but the doctor-on-duty allegedly refused to take her in. She waited in front of the emergency section for an hour before giving birth to a baby-boy on the rickshaw.

A group of youngmen, angry at the incident, attempted to assault the doctor-on-duty. But the local elders restrained them.

The Resident Medical Officer told UNB, Rahima Khatun and her new born baby had been admitted later and were now well.

Kidnapped housewife rescued

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ Sept 1: Tarail police recently rescued a newly married housewife from the Taratl upazila town area after she had been missing for 22 days.

According to the police sources, Ripa Akhtar Khatoon (18) was married to one Alal Chowdhury of village Raji of Itna upazila of the district in March last. For the first time the victim came to visit her parents at village Baharantala in Tarail upazila on June 11.

On June 17 night a gang of miscreants led by one Nuru Mia forcibly kidnapped Ripa Akhtar from her house. It is alleged that Nuru Min

was an orphan. Having failed to proposed to marry Ripa but meet her husband's demand the guardian refused the proshe allegedly took her life on

Erosion-hit people pass hard days

From Our Correspondent source, the demand was Taka

SATKHIRA, Sept 1: Tala upazila town has been threat ened by the continued erosion in the river Kodak. More than 600 families have been rendered homeless and 750 acres of cultivable land in three unions of the upazila eroded by the river during the last few months.

The homeless people who took shelter on the embankment are passing hard days. No relief materials have been sent to them. The people of the locality hope that the concerned authority will take necessary steps to check the erosion and rehabilitate the homeless fami-

Land development tax The revenue department Satkhira has realised a record land development tax amounting to Taka 2,90,22,000 from seven upazilas of the district in 1990-91 fiscal year. During the period Taka 70,76,000 were also realised from Jalmahals including interest. The earning was Taka 2,72,90,000 in 1989-90 financial year.

Smuggled goods recovered: one held in Pabna

According to an official

From Our Correspondent Bangladesh Rifles personnel arrested one person and re-

covered a huge quantity of

smuggled Indian goods from

different night coaches recently. According to the sources, the seized Indian goods include 40 Indian sarees, 95 pieces of Colgate tooth paste, 37 electric suitcases, 287 steel glasses, 13,500 rools of bidies, 4,400 holder spring. They arrested one Mahtab Ali of village

Narcotics Control Department Pabna setzed illegal drugs of different types worth Taka 51,000 during the last six months.

Gangarampur under Pabna

Sadar upazila in this connec-

According to the sources, they seized 136.5 grams heroin worth Taka 27,200, ganja 10.369 kilograms worth Taka 10,369, cholai wine (alcohol) 27 litres worth Taka 13,500, bhang 250 grams. country made alcohol 57 and tari 45 litres.

Govt committed to people's welfare: Oli

nications Minister Oli Ahmed yesterday called upon all section of people to participate spontaneously in the coming September 11 by-elections and September 15 referendum, reports BSS.

Addressing two separate public meeting at Gabtoli and Buritala here, the Minister said the BNP government was committed to ensure socioeconomic welfare of the people. He said the present government was pledge-bound to build a solid economic infras tructure to ensure over all progress of the country.

He said the 12th Constitution Amendment Bil had already been passed to revert to the parliamentary form of government. He called upon the leaders of the society to motivate people so that they participate in the referendum spontaneously.

The Minister also addressed the local leaders, publie representatives, and officials at Bogra District Council auditorium. Later he laid the foundation stone of Kushtia Buritala bridge. The bridge is expected to be completed by

BOGRA, Sept 1: Commu-

December next.

protection insurgent activities could be

RANGAMATI, Sept Thousands of people, both tribals and non-locals, held a rally here after treading 45 kilometres from Kaukhali upazila to express their re sentment over terrorist activities in their area, reports UNB

Kaukhali Upazila Parishad Chairman Aung Cha Prue Marma, Usha Roaza and Ruhul Amin, members of Rangamati Hill District Local Government Parishad were among those who led the thousands of agitating people in a protest-procession, August 25. They submitted a memo-

randum to the Chairman, Rangamati Hill District Local Government Parishad Gautam Dewan and Commander, Rangamati Army region.

The processionists carrying posters and placards inscribed with various anti-terrorism slogans urged the authorities to stop the killings and atroci ties of innocent people by the insurgents. They also demanded protection for their lives and properties.

In his speech, Gautam urged the citizens to help arrest the armed outlawed Shantibahini and Parbatya Chattagram Jono Sanghat Samity activists.

He said terrorism and other



AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh): A choreographic presentation based on Nazrul-Geeti in a function on Rabindra-Nazrul Jayantee held at the Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin Auditorium of BAU recently under the auspices of BAUCSU. - Star photo

CHT tribals seek