

Upazila roundup

**KHAGRACHARI**

**Shantibahini activist surrenders**

Nov 5: A member of outlawed Shantibahini has surrendered to the law enforcing agency at the district headquarters here on Saturday, reports UNB.

The tribal insurgent Pravath Chandra Chakma (26), hails from Choto Elangpara of the district.

**MAULVI BAZAR**

**Pests attack aman crops**

Nov 5: Aman crops on about 5000 acres of land in six upazilas of the district has come under massive pest attack, reports UNB.

'Pamri' and 'Leda' pests have attacked vast crop land in Kulaura, Barlekha, Kamalganj, Sreemangal and Rajnagar upazilas.

Alarmed farmers said they could not afford field spray to eradicate the pests due to price hike of insecticides. Besides, some insecticides have proved to be ineffective in killing the pests.

They called for positive steps to curb the menace including aerial spray throughout the district.

**HABIGANJ**

**Toll collectors attack hotel manager**

Nov 5: Muggers in the town attacked and seriously injured a hotel manager for refusing to pay Tk 500 demanded by them, reports UNB.

Police sources said a group of miscreants claimed Tk 500 from Kamal as toll which he refused to pay.

At this the miscreants became furious and attacked him with deadly weapons. He was rushed to Habiganj Sadar Hospital in a Critical condition.

A case was registered with Habiganj Police station in this connection.

Local leaders said extortion by muggers in the name of toll-collection lately increased in an alarming proportion. They demanded strict police vigil on mugging.

**KUSHIA**

**Dacoits loot valuables**

Nov 5: Dacoits looted valuables worth about Taka one lakh and injured 15 inmates of two houses at Parankhali bazar in Bheramara upazila Saturday night, police said, reports UNB.

Witnesses said, a gang of armed dacoits numbering about 25 stormed the houses of Moula Baksh Malitha and Tazen Malitha, beat the inmates indiscriminately and decamped with the booty.

On hearing alarm, the villagers tried to gherao the dacoits but the robbers burst crackers and fled away under the cover of blank gunshots.

The looted goods include television, cassette player, gold ornaments and cash money.

A case was registered with upazila police in this connection.

**NARAIL**

**Bazar in bad shape**

Nov 5: The Ruppaj bazar in the pourashava area has been facing manifold problems, reports UNB.

According to sources, accommodation problem, lack of drinking water facilities, absence of drainage system and haphazard placement of shops have been hindering smooth transaction.

There is practically no maintenance of the market although the authorities realise increased taxes from the traders and shopkeepers, it was alleged.

Heaps of garbage and filth are not removed, drains are not cleaned and damaged tubewells are not rehabilitated, market association sources complained.

There is also no toilet for use by the huge number of people and traders gather here for far flung areas of the district.

For the last 30 years the important business centre has not been expanded

**FARIDPUR**

**Relief for flood victims**

Nov 5: Government has sanctioned 1703 metric tons of wheat under test relief programme and 661 metric tons of rice and 86 metric tons of wheat as gratuitous relief for the flood victims of eight upazilas of the district, reports UNB.

According to official sources, Tk 5.60 lakh has been sanctioned under the programme to distribute as cash and Tk 5.10 has already been distributed as house building grant.

Besides, 300 bundles of CI sheets have been distributed among the affected people.

Ten metric tons of pulse, 3,315 pieces of sarees and lungis, 100 tins of biscuits, 17 trucks load of assorted food-stuff were also distributed in the affected upazilas of the district.

District Relief and Rehabilitation department said 98 metric tons of wheat were distributed among the worst affected 3000 families under vulnerable group development programme.

Besides, 1000 families will receive 31 kgs of wheat each per month throughout the year under the programme in the district, the sources added.

**JAMALPUR**

**Tk 16.54 lakh for development of pry schools**

Nov 5: Madarganj upazila Parishad has taken up a scheme at a cost of Taka 16,54,000 for development of primary schools under third flood rehabilitation programme of the government, reports ISS.

According to an official source, a total of 19 primary schools damaged by recent flood and other natural calamities were brought under the programme. Reconstruction and repairing of the schools will start soon.

**PIROJFUR**

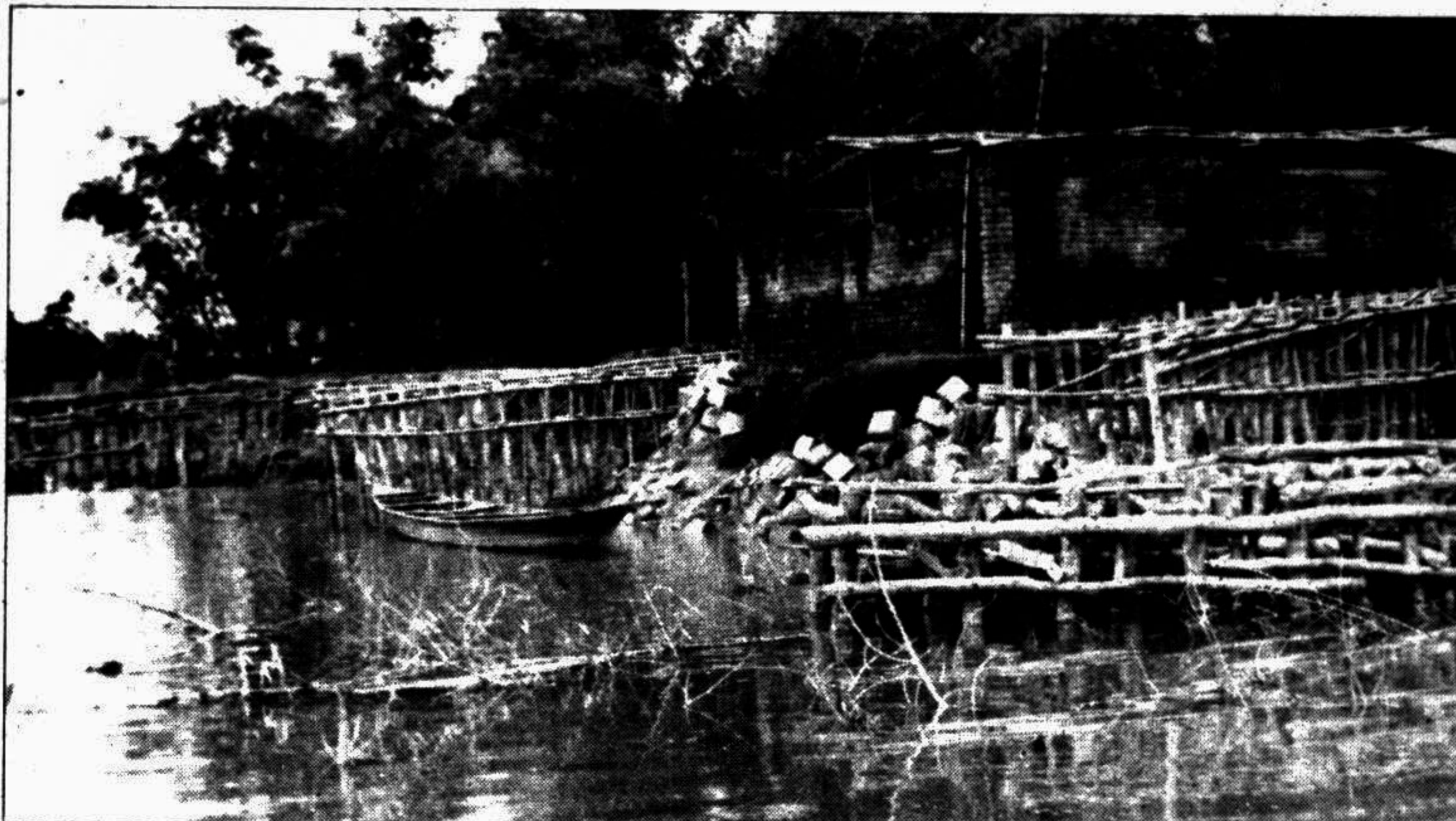
**50 deep tubewells will be installed**

Nov 5: Fifty deep tubewells will be installed in four upazilas of the district during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

Of the total, 20 tubewells will be installed in Nescrabad, 15 in Kaulkhali, 8 in Nazirpur and 7 in Mathbaria upazilas.

With the installation of the tubewells supply of pure water will be improved to a great extent. Besides, irrigation facilities in the croplands will also be extended.

The farmers of the upazilas were facing problems due to inadequate irrigation facilities for a long time.



River erosion has caused havoc in Gangachara. Photo shows a building threatened by the river erosion at Paikan Union in Rangpur District. —Star photo

**Tug of war over control of Sugarcane Research Institute**

From Our Correspondent

DINAJPUR, Nov 5: A tug of war over control of sugarcane Research Institute at Ishurdi is going on for a long time resulting in the administrative-cum-financial problems. Besides, the research and other activities of the institute are being hampered.

The institute since its inception in 1952 has been conducting research work and made valuable contribution to the promotion of sugarcane production.

The Sugarcane Research Station remained under the control and management of the Ministry of Agriculture since its inception and the technology developed in the institute was utilised in and outside the sugar mill zones. The northern part of the country enjoys monopoly in the production of sugar and gur (molasses) since all the sugar mills are situated in this part of the country.

In 1973, the organisation was placed under Bangladesh Food and Sugar Industries Corporation under the same ministry and the Sugarcane Research Station was renamed as Sugarcane Research Institute. The government also set up a committee to evaluate the activities of the organisation in 1983 and the committee submitted a report to the Government recommending autonomous status for Research and Training Institute under the Ministry of Agriculture.

On April 19, 1987, the report submitted by the committee was approved at a cabinet meeting and the Government accordingly decided to make the organisation an autonomous institute and the Ministry of Industries was directed to take all necessary steps in this regard. The Ministry of Industries in their turn directed the Food and Sugar Corporation to implement the decision.

**Nephew kills two uncles**

From Our Correspondent

GAZIPUR, Nov 4: A nephew allegedly killed two of his uncles while trying to clope with his cousin early Monday morning at Kanaia village of Gazipur.

Rustam Ali (18) with an armed gang tried to clope with his cousin, Rehana Begum (16), from her father's residence at around 2 am after breaking into the house.

Alarmed by the noise, the father of the girl, Yousuf Ali (40), with his younger brother, Azgar Ali (38) rushed out of the house and tried to resist Rustam.

At this point a scuffle broke out and Rustam Ali and his gang members stabbed both of them to death, police said.

Hearing the hue and cry other members of the village came out causing Rustam and his gang to flee leaving the girl behind.

The Corporation submitted a blueprint to the Ministry of Industries which suggested upgradation of the institute keeping it under the management of the corporation. The ministry turned down the proposal of the Corporation and directed it to implement the scheme as per decision of the cabinet.

In 1987, the Cabinet Division in an order directed that the institute be placed under the Ministry of Agriculture. On August 7, 1990 the then Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture visited the institute and remarked that it was a mistake to place the institute under the Ministry of Agriculture.

After the fall of Ershad regime, at an inter-ministerial meeting held on February 3,

1990 presided over by the Secretary of the Ministry of Industries, the Corporation claimed that the Institute was under their management and the Ministry of Agriculture opposed this view, it is learnt.

The Food and Sugar Industries Corporation sent a team for the accounts of the institute but the Director of the Research Institute sent back the team on the ground that the institute was not under the Corporation and sent another audit team which performed the audit and made comments in their report that the institute was under the control of the Ministry of Agriculture.

Due to tug of war between the Corporation and the Ministry, no annual budget was approved for the financial year 1990-91 and consequently research and development work have been hampered to a great extent.

The institute receives money from 16 sugar mills of the country at the rate of Taka 4 per maund of sugar produced for research cell of the institute. The outstanding dues stands at over Taka two and a half crores but the mills have so far paid only Taka 30 lakh and the institute has been facing financial constraints.

**Mosquito menace in Cox's Bazar alarming**

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Nov 5: Mosquito menace has assumed an alarming proportion causing much sufferings to the tourists as well as the inhabitants of the district.

It is very inconvenient to sit peacefully even for a moment. The poor people who are unable to purchase mosquito nets pass sleepless nights. The ponds, ditches uncleaned and choked drains, open latrines, bushes, water logging and garbage stockpiled in roadside places are the main breeding points of the mosquitoes. Almost half of the road has been occupied and blocked by the temporary shopkeepers and are left uncleaned since long. The residents of Cox's Bazar town alleged that no action has yet been taken by the local municipal authority to start mosquito eradication campaign.

Cox's Bazar municipal authority sources said that an anti-mosquito scheme was launched in 1962-63 which continued till 1980. Later non-availability of funds from the government forced the authority to stop the scheme.

Besides, many staff were also transferred to various organisations. As a result, the department was closed in 1980.

Meanwhile, the price of anti-mosquito oil has increased much resulting in the suspension of mosquito eradication programme.

Informed sources said that anti-mosquito scheme submitted to the government several years ago is still awaiting approval.

Emergency measures are urgently needed for proper cleaning of the silted drains, ditches and derelict ponds. Even private pond owners should be motivated to keep their ponds clear and help making the congenial atmosphere to eradicate the mosquito menace, it is widely felt.

The situation becomes horrible during rainy season. The drainage system is so deplorable that water always remain stagnant in the drains. Conventional method of spraying mosquito oil occasionally proved ineffective and consequently mosquito breeding continues unabatedly. It is high time for the poura authority to take up balanced scheme for proper drainage and regular cleaning to get rid of these serious problems.

**8 injured as JCD, BCL clash at Ishurdi**

From Our Correspondent

ISHURDI, Nov 5: Local units of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Chhatra League (S-A) have continued clashes since last night leaving at least eight persons injured.

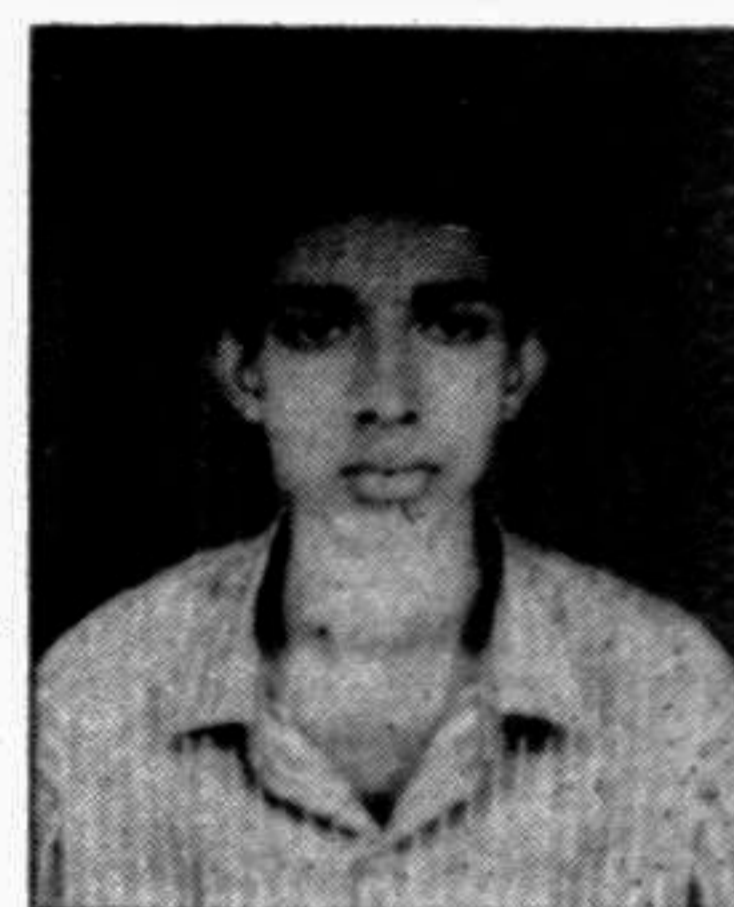
The injured include Palash, Shahin and Khokon of the JCD and Shahin, Shah Alam, Nur Amin Inue and Maruf of the BCL. A police officer was also injured.

Today morning, JCD workers assaulted a reputed merchant and Awami League leader Abdur Rahman Mahlia and beat him mercilessly at the local motor stand.

The situation became tense after the incident causing total closure of the Ishurdi bazar.

The situation is gradually worsening and the people are becoming panicky.

Several cases have been registered with the local police station.



**Stands 16th in Humanities group**

For Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Nov 5: Abu Ahmed Arifullah Gofran secured 16th position in the merit list of Humanities group in the SSC examination held this year under Jessore Board. He obtained 721 marks with three letters in English, Mathematics and Book Keeping.

Arifullah used to study six to seven hours a day regularly. He wants to be a Chartered Accountant.

He is the son of Professor Asir Uddin Ahmed of Satkhira Government College. He appeared at the examination from Satkhira Government Boys High School.

**Smuggled Indian clothes recovered: 4 arrested**

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, 5: Police arrested four miscreants and recovered Indian clothes from their possession at village Kumarpatty under Nagarkhanda upazila Faridpur recently.

Acting on a secret information, SI Abdullah raided the house of the miscreants and arrested four persons and recovered 30 pieces of Indian sarees, 55 blouse pieces and 80 metres of Indian cloth. ASI Khalilur Rahman recovered 450 kilograms of electric wire from village Gopalpur under Sadar upazila recently. None was arrested in this connection so far.

Jotishi Bala (30) of village Charnotakhala under Faridpur Sadar upazila committed suicide by drinking kerosene oil recently.

It is learnt that family troubles were the cause behind her suicide. One Berek Majumder (23) of Bhanga was beaten to death by some unidentified persons recently. The body was to be sent general hospital for autopsy. A case was registered with Bhanga police in this connection.

A three years old child was killed and his mother and the rickshawpuller were seriously injured when a truck knocked the rickshaw from behind near Faridpur bus stand recently.

Shafad (12) of village Lakshampur under Sadar upazila allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from the tree near his house. The reason behind the incident could not be known.

A case has been filed with the police.

**10 injured**

Ten others were injured in a week in separate incidents in the district. Akkas Mia (30) a van driver was injured when his van was knocked down by a Kamarkhali bound truck. Monwar (23) of south Tepakhla, Gulam Mozaid (29), Golam Babu (29) two brothers of Alipur town received stab injuries in two separate incidents. Five more persons were injured on the same day in village Kanaiapur under Sadar upazila in a clash between two rival groups over a family feud. Arafath (13) was injured when a truck knocked him near Bahirdia bridge under Sadar upazila recently.

**Flood-hit farmers selling standing crops to hoarders**

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Nov 5: The peasants of Kurigram Sadar, Fulbari, Chilmari, Rowmari, Nageswari, Bhurungamari, Rajibpur, Rajarhat and Ulipur upazilas hit by the recent flood are selling in advance their standing paddy on fields at the rate of Taka 100 to Taka 125 per maund to hoarders, businessmen and serviceholders because of nonreceipt of post-flood agri-rehabilitation loan.

These peasants do not know if they would receive further loan facilities as they have not yet been able to repay previous loans because of the floods of the last two years and the recent ones.

These floods, especially the recent one, have forced them to sell their agricultural produce like paddy as well as to mortgage their land with standing crops for survival.

A procession was brought out by Jatiya Party recently at Kurigram.

The processionists paraded the main streets of the town and chanted slogans demanding immediate release of Ershad and the processionists also demanded the northern region be declared as a calamity area. After the procession a big rally was held in front of Jatiya Party office which was addressed by Mr. Shaiful Islam Ruku and Mr. Abu Bakar Siddique.

**RHD Short Notice Inviting Tender**

Scaled tender in B.D. Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the RHD enlisted contractors as per financial limit and territorial jurisdiction for the following works under Tangail Road Division, Tangail.

Tender Notice No.	Name of Work.	Estimated Amount	Earnest Money	Time Allowed
15/Tangail Road Division of 19-91-1992.	Providing Brick pavement (H.B.B) and Earth work in road side slope flanks and bridge/culvert approaches at 1st (Part), 2nd (Part) and 3rd (Part) K.M. of Bharadoba Ghatail-Bharadoba (Ghatail-Bhuapur Portion) Road during the year 1991-92.	Tk.13,83,204/=	2% of Estimated Amount	45 (Forty-five) days
16/Tangail Road Division of 19-91-1992.	Providing patch repairing including carpeting and premixed bituminous seal coat work at 25th (P) K. M. of Tangail-Aricha Road during the year 1991-1992.	Tk. 5,21,078/=	-Do-	30 (Thirty) days
17/Tangail Road Division of 19-91-1992	Restoration of pavement by providing repairing of consolidation (W.B.M.) carpeting and premixed bituminous seal coat work at 21st (P) & 22nd K.M. of Tangail-Aricha Road during the year 1991-92.	Tk 12,09,287/=	-Do-	45 (Forty-five) days
18/Tangail Road Division of 19-91-1992.	Providing Brick pavement (H.B.B) work at 2nd (P) K. M. of Nagarpur-Solimabad-Chowhali Road during the year 1991-1992.	Tk. 7,51,749/=	-Do-	35(Thirty-five) days

2. Name of Offices of availability of Tender : Office of all the Executive Engineers (RHD), under Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh/ Executive Engineer (RHD) Planning and Programming Division Dhaka. Preliminary Engineering Division Dhaka Zone, Dhaka/Dhaka Road Construction No. III, Dhaka. Executive Engineer (RHD), Fodder Road Improvement Project, Tangail and Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD) under Tangail Road Division up to 12-11-91 during office hours.

3. Name of the Offices for receiving tender bids : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Mymensingh Road Circle, Mymensingh/Planning and Design Circle Dhaka, Project Control, Dhaka/Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka, Executive Engineer (RHD), Tangail Road Division up to 12.30 P.M. on 13.11.91 and will be opened on the same day at 12.45 P.M. in presence of the Contractor who remain present.

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Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Tangail.

**Bangladesh Railway**

**Tender Notice**

No. 76/91

Dated: 28/10/91

The Chief Controller of Stores, Bangladesh Railway, Paharali, Chittagong invites quotation against the following tender:

S1. No.	Tender No. & Description	Price of Tender documents per set Taka	Postage charges Taka	Period of Selling of Tender Documents	Date of Opening
1.	P4/GB13/79/1/R Spare parts for "POLAR" Paper cutting Machine (Model-115-SDP) Machine No. 5631370 = 6 items.	400/-	10/-	2-11-91 to 3-12-91	4-12-91

Non-transferable Tender documents may be obtained from the office of the undersigned as well ACOS/DA & COS/W/RJHI from 9.00 hrs. to 12.00 hrs. on all working days either on cash payment or remittance of the charges, including postage (Non-refundable) by money order.

Rail/B/257 DFF (G) 12746-3/11 G-832 Chief Controller of Stores Bangladesh Railway, Paharali, Chittagong.