

Upazila roundup

**PABNA**  
Bandey Ali Mia's birthday celebrated

**From Our Correspondent**  
February 1: The 85th birthday of poet Bandey Ali Mia was observed by Bandey Ali Swaran Parishad (Bandey Ali Memorial Council) at Annada Gobinda Public Library Auditorium, Pabna, recently.  
On the occasion, a recitation and painting competition was arranged.  
Mr Abu Solaiman, the Deputy Commissioner of Pabna distributed prizes among the winners.

**TANGAIL**  
World Leprosy Day observed

**From A Correspondent**  
February 1: World Leprosy Day was observed on January 27 at Madhupur under the auspices of Jalchitra Leprosy Control Project and Hospital. Various programmes were chalked out to observe the day. Two hundred shirts inscribing slogans have been distributed among the distressed rickshaw-pullers.

**JESSORE**  
Contribution of Munshi Meherullah recalled

**From A Correspondent**  
February 1: The 129th birth anniversary of late Munshi Meherullah, the great Islamic thinker and reformist of the undivided Bengal was observed recently with due solemnity under the joint auspices of Munshi Meherullah Foundation, Islamic Cultural Centre and Islamic Foundation at the Jessore Islamic Foundation Auditorium and at the Munshi Meherullah Academy premises at Jhadia.  
According to reports, the first session of the ceremony was held at 10 am at the Islamic Foundation Auditorium. Presided over by Prof Kazi Mohammad Kamruzzaman, the ceremony was attended by the Chairman of Jessore Education Board, Prof Gazi Abdus Salam as chief guest. The discussion meet was participated by journalist Prof. Moshit Azam, Advocate Sharif Raihan Siddiqui, the AD of Islamic Foundation, Jessore, K.M Mustafa Kamal, the General Secretary of Islamic Cultural Centre, Jessore, Mohammad Abdur Zabbar and others. Prof Gazi Abdus Salam called the late Munshi Meherullah a great reformist and Islamic thinker who dedicated his life for the cause of Islam. Highlighting the eventful life of late Munshi Meherullah, the speakers observed that he fought against the Christian Missionaries and saved thousands of Muslims of the undivided Bengal from embracing Christianity.

**FENI**  
8 arrested for plundering Muhuri project goods

February 1: Eight people were arrested here in connection with plundering of goods from Muhuri Irrigation Project, police said on Thursday, reports UNI.  
An organised gang of criminals plundered machinery goods worth about Taka 62,953 from the project godown in December last, police said.  
The arrest was made Tuesday on the basis of a case filed by the project authorities.  
The arrested are store keepers Nazir Ahmed and Nur Hossain, project workers Abul Kashem, Abu Tahir, Humayun Kabir, Ilias Mia, Ali Ahamed and Salamuddin.  
Similar plundering of goods worth about Taka five lakh was also committed in the same godown during the early part of last year, the sources added.

**NARAIL**  
Draft animal shortage hampers cultivation

**From Our Correspondent**  
February 1: Acute shortage of bullocks has been persisting in different parts of Narail, Magura, Jessore, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Kushtia, Jhenidah, Satkhira, Khulna, and Bagerhat districts causing hindrance to rabi crop cultivation.  
It is reported that about 60 percent farmers of the districts have no bullocks. About 30 percent of the land could

not be brought under cultivation due to bullock shortage throughout these districts.  
**MADARIPUR**  
Bus stand needs waiting shed

**From Our Correspondent**  
February 1: Bus passengers are facing manifold problems in absence of a waiting shed at Pathuriapar bus stand on Madaripur-Bhurghata route. Passengers complained that they had to wait under the open sky for hours together for a bus. Besides, absence of utility services like urinals has further aggravated the situation.

**Money lenders active**

Money lending has again become a thriving business all over the district.  
According to sources, the normal rate of interest is Taka 18 per month or one and a half maunds of paddy for a loan of Taka 100 only.  
This rate is considered to be the highest so far reported in the country. "Such extortion," social leaders here said, "are responsible for increasing number of destitutes."  
**Bank branch opens**  
A new branch of Agrani Bank was inaugurated in Kalkini recently. This branch was inaugurated by the District Assistant Regional Manager Mr Siddiqur Rahman. Mr Sirajul Islam, UNO of Kalkini was present as chief guest in the meeting.

**KISHOREGANJ**  
Newsmen's problems discussed

**From Our Correspondent**  
February 1: The problems of the newsmen were discussed with Mr Kazi Nasirul Islam, new Deputy Commissioner of Kishoreganj, at a meeting held recently at the local Press Club.  
The Deputy Commissioner exchanged views with the local journalists on various aspects of reporting and assured the newsmen of his cooperation.  
The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for objective reporting and urged the newsmen to project the hopes and aspirations of the people and the development efforts of the government.

**KURIGRAM**  
Science Week concludes

**From Our Correspondent**  
Feb 1: The 14th National Science and Technology Week-91 ended at Kurigram College premises with much enthusiasm recently.  
A large number of science clubs, schools, colleges and madrasahs participated in the Science Week with their projects.  
On the concluding day, prize giving ceremony was held which was chaired by Mr. Sk Abu Bakar Siddiqui, Principal in Charge of Kurigram Government College. Mr. S.M Abdus Samad, District Judge, Kurigram was present as chief guest and gave away prizes. The prize giving ceremony was addressed by Prof Mostafa Khondoker and Prof Nizamuddin. The ceremony was conducted by Mr. Golam Rabbani Chowdhury.  
A 25-member executive committee of Kurigram Zila Motor Malik Samity was formed recently in a meeting held at the office premises.  
Mr. Abdus Sabar and Mr Amjad Hossain Bulu were elected President and Secretary respectively of the executive committee.

**JHENIDAH**  
One beaten to death

**From Our Correspondent**  
February 1: One young man was allegedly beaten to death by some persons at village Kheragan of Kalliganj upazila of Jhenidah district Tuesday last.  
According to report, the victim Rajkumar (18), son of Zuga Das of the village was called by the killers at night from the shop of Baromoni of the same village where he was sleeping. The miscreants, after killing, hanged him with his own muffer on a tree near the shop. It is alleged.  
According to police, marks of injuries were found in his body.  
A case was filed with Kalliganj police accusing five persons including Paran Das of the same village. The victim Rajkumar reportedly had a relation with the daughter of Paran Das. The body was sent to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital.

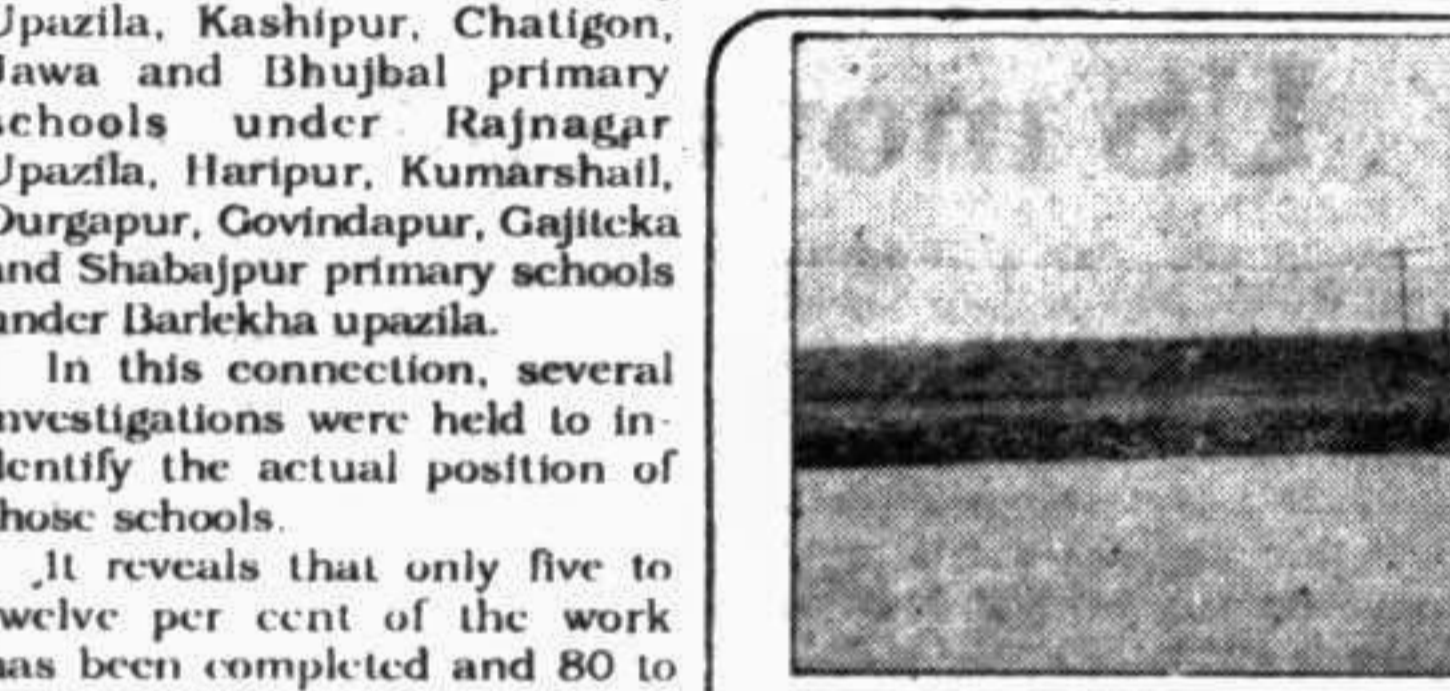


MUNSHIGANJ: Erosion by Dhaleswari continues unabated rendering many families homeless. Photo Shafuddin Bitu

14 pry. school buildings incomplete  
**80 p.c payment made: 5 p.c work done**

**From Our Correspondent**  
MAULVI BAZAR, Feb 1: The construction work of 14 government primary school buildings in Maulvi Bazar district has been left incomplete since the 1983-84 financial year.  
The schools were taken up under the development scheme involving Taka 2.80 lakh each during the 1983-84 financial year but the construction of schools has been left incomplete although the time limit for the completion of the work lapsed seven years ago.  
According to an official source, the schools are Pathanushar, Singraul and Usmangar government primary schools under Kamalgonj Upazila, Kashipur, Chatigon, Jawa and Bhujbal primary schools under Rajnagar Upazila, Haripur, Kumarshail, Durgapur, Govindapur, Gajitka and Shabajpur primary schools under Barlekha upazila.  
In this connection, several investigations were held to identify the actual position of those schools.  
It reveals that only five to twelve per cent of the work has been completed and 80 to 100 per cent of the tendered money has been paid to the contractors without any work. In some cases payment and supply of construction materials have been made to the contractors without any work.  
When contacted the authority concerned here confirmed that Taka 28 lakh have been taken away by the contractors without any work. In this connection three separate cases against three contractors have been pending with Anti-corruption Bureau for the last six years while complaints against the rest of the contractors have been pending with the higher education department authority.  
It is alleged that the contractors involved in the misappropriation of fund enlisted their names as contractors with the Facility Department with take address. As a result, the authority concerned could not trace out them.  
The concerned engineer of Facility Department here reported that he was not aware when the underconstruction buildings would be completed.

**From A Correspondent**  
BRAHMANBARIA, Feb 1: Kalazar was detected in Rasulpur, Sreepur, Sunarampur and Biddakul village under Nabingapur upazila of the district.  
Manwara Begum (20), Alaya Begum (6), Thahtra (16) and Ranjan Ali (60) have been attacked with this fever.  
Stivatine injections are not available in the local market for curing the disease. Doctors said Stivatine is only remedy for kalazar. The medicine is being sold between Taka 100 and 120 in black market as against Taka 70 only.  
**One killed in road mishap**  
Rakhal Thakur (40) of Shahbazpur succumbed to his injuries at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital on Wednesday.  
According to police, the victim while was waiting for local bus at Shahbazpur bus stand, suddenly a Dhaka bound bus knocked him down from the behind. He was injured seriously and sent to Sadar Hospital immediately. Doctor declared him dead. A case was filed at Sarail police stations. The killer driver managed to escape with his bus.  
**Cricket league**  
Hazri Abdul Khalek gold cup Cricket League began at local Niaz Stadium on Sunday last.  
Mr. Khabiruddin Ahmed, DC Brahmanbaria and S.P. Nurul Anwar were chief guest and special guest respectively in the inaugural match. DC Khabiruddin inaugurated the league organised by Brahmanbaria Krira Sangstha a total of 15 teams are participating in the league.



BARISAL: A partial view of the embankment of Satla Bagda irrigation project. - Star photo.

**Call to save Satla Bagda irrigation project**

**From Our Correspondent**  
BARISAL, Feb. 1: Crops on more than 70,000 acres of land under "Satla Bagda irrigation project" are yet to be saved from the flood and water logging.  
The project is situated in the southwestern part of Gopalganj and northwestern part of Barisal district.  
The project area covers a total 72,200 acres of land in seven upazilas including Kotlpara and Tuglpara of Gopalganj, Gourmadi, Uzirpur, Banaripara and Agerlghara of Barisal and Nazirpur of Pirojpur districts.  
The objective of the project was to protect the area from flood and raise agricultural production by building embankments and drainage regulators.  
In 1982 National Economic Council recommended the project with an expenditure of 15.34.56000 Taka but, later the expenditure went up to more than 38 crore Taka.  
During this period construction work of 75 miles of embankment, renovation and repair of 21 miles embankment, 29 closures, 12 drainage regulators, 135 miles drainage channels, 372 inlet structures, five bridges, 11 culverts and five navigation locks have been completed with Taka nine crore financial assistance from the IDA and Dutch government. NEDICO, an organisation of Netherlands provided the technical assistance for drawing and design of the total project. But still 20 inlet structures, two culverts, one regulator and one bridge have to be completed. Due to shortage of funds, negligence and incapability of the concerned authorities construction work is still pending. People of the area are eagerly awaiting completion of the project work which may turn their dreams into reality.

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KISHOREGANJ, Feb. 1: A scheme has been undertaken to bring 34,594 acres of land under wheat cultivation in 13 upazilas of Kishoreganj district during the current season.  
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PABNA, Feb 1: Railway service in the Western Zone suffers badly following the shortage of engines. At present only 140 railway engines are in operation of which 70 have been put into broadgauge in Paksey Division and 70 in metre gauge section in Lalmonirhat Division.  
The engines put into broad gauge section maintain services for intercity and local trains, shunting, transhipment of goods. As many as 14 engines are now lying in the workshop for repair.  
Engines allotted for metre gauge section are put on carrying intercity, local and goods trains, five for shunting, one for pilot train, one for carrying spares to Saidpur Railway workshop, three for transhipment, two for Railway Project Division and two to function as shuttle trains. Twenty-nine engines now await repair at different workshops.  
The total length of railway track in the Western Zone is 14,946 kilometre. Most of the engines with 875 horse power capacity were imported in 1953. The longevity of these engines expired about 15 years ago. But these are still being used.



PABNA: Due to engine shortage the number of trains has been reduced. Here an overloaded train running on Ishurdi-Sirajganj route. - Star photo

Notes from B' baria

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Political scene

Party activists clash over Gulf war

**Star Report**  
Political workers belonging to the same party now clash frequently in course of campaigns following altercations on the issue of Gulf war. Reports of such incidents, from scuffles to heavy clashes, among the polls campaigners have been received from countryside.  
Political leaders engaged in hectic electioneering are also sharply divided on the issue though representing a single party. Pro-Saddam and anti-Saddam groups pay more attention to the developments of war than the electioneering.

**Dinajpur**  
Our Dinajpur Correspondent adds: Dinajpur district is now under the grip of election fever.  
The town turned into a veritable garden of banners, placards, posters, festoons and election camps. Ever since the submission of nomination papers by the contenders electioneering got underway in remarkable manners. Tea stalls are making brisk business and people who earn a living by painting placards and banners are not logging behind.  
Sixty-seven persons are contesting in six constituencies of the district in the election. Fifteen-party alliance, BNP, Jamaat, Jatiya Party, Zaker Party and JSD(Rab) are contesting in all six seats while JSD(Siraj) and JAGPA are contesting 4 seats each, Janata Party 3 seats, JSD(Inu) and Workers Party two seats each, Freedom Party and Muslim League are contesting in one seat each. Thirteen independent candidates are also contesting in five seats. The constituency wise break-up is:  
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**In Dinajpur-4 constituency:** Mizanur Rahman Mann (15-Party), Abdul Halim (BNP), Aftabuddin Mollah (Jamaat), Sakawat Hossain (Jatiya Party), Aftab Hussain (JSD-Inu), Abu Ali (Muslim League), Omar Faruk Shah (JAGPA), A.F.M Mahmudul Islam (Zaker Party), Momtaj Uddin (Janata Party), MA Rashid Binig (JSD-Rab), Independent-Ashini Kumar Roy and Jamal Uddin.  
**In Dinajpur-5 constituency:** Mostafizur Rahman Fiaz (15-Party), Principal Shamsuddin Ahmed (BNP), Dr. MA Gayum (Jamaat), Abdul Ohab (Jatiya Party), Rezaul Islam Bulbul (Zaker Party), Hafizur Rahman (JSD-Siraj), Inaruddin Ahmed (UCL), Mahfuzul Islam (JAGPA), Mozammel Huq Sarker (Workers Party), Golam Ashraf Pradhan (JSD-Rab) and Independent-Sadakatul Bari, Prof Maktub Hossain, Afzar Ali and Md. Samsuddin.  
**In Dinajpur-6 Nawabganj-Birampur-Hakimpur-Ghoraghat constituency:** Principle Abdus Salam Aman (15-Party), Principal Atiar Rahman (BNP), Atizur Rahman (Jamaat), Mafizur Rahman (Jatiya Party), Subhas Chandra Mandal (Workers Party), Maktub Hossain (Zaker Party), Budhia Uroo (JSD-Siraj), Jahangir Selim (Janata Party), Sadek Ali (JSD-Rab), and Independent-Mostafizur Rahman Fiaz and Suris Murrmu.  
Most voters however, do not seem much impressed. And they are extremely tight lipped about who they would vote for.**

**Tangail**  
Our Tangail Correspondent says: Tangail as a whole is gradually wearing a festive look as the countdown to the general election has begun. Most political parties are locked in intermittent battle for capturing the vintage points of Tangail walls and strategic places. Banners and posters depicting the candidature of the parties are on display. The printing presses in Tangail are doing a booming business as demand for posters and calendars with political leaders is going up. Area-wise break up of candidates is:  
**Tangail-1 (Modupur), Asika Akbar (BNP), Prof Muzibur Rahman (Jamaat), Abul Hassan (AL), Soros Bondhury (CP), Abdul Samad (JSD-Siraj), A. Noor ul Haque (Independent), Abu Syed Khan (JP), Abdul Motin Hira (JSD-Siraj).**  
**Tangail-2 (Gopalpur and Bhuapur):** Hatem Ali Talukdar (AL), Abdus Salam Pintu (BNP), Samsul Haque Talukdar (JP), Prof. Abdus Salam Khan (Jamaat), Abdul Motin Miah Hira (JSD-Siraj), Mohammad Ali (Jaker Party), Babu Samsonkor Datto (Independent), Khondokar Jahangir (Independent).  
**Tangail-3 (Ghatail):** Samsur Rahman Khan Shahjahan (AL), Lutfor Rahman Khan Azad (BNP), Saidur Rahman Khan Mohon (JP), Hatder Ali Talukdar (BNP), Advocate Abdur Kasem (ML), Kartic Chandro Datto (CP), Advocate Mahbulul Basit (JSD-Siraj).  
**Tangail-4 (Kalihat):** Shahjahan Siraj (JSD-Siraj), Abdul Latif Siddiky (AL), Abdul Kasem Ahmed (AL), Adv. Nurul Alam Talukdar (BNP), Hazera Sultana (Workers Party), Zoaher Ali Khan (Freedom Party), Warusel Hasan Siddiky (Jonota Mukti), Abdul Aziz (Jaker Party), Tofozzul Hossain (Jatiya Taidail), Alimuddin Talukdar (Nap-Bhasani), Lalla Siddiky (Independent), Prof. Nazir Hossain (CP), Abdul Hamid Pramanic (Jatiya Party).  
**Tangail-5 (Sadar and Delduwar):** Abdul Mannan (AL), Mahmudul Hassan (JP), Hossainar Hassan (JP), Khondoker Babul (BNP), Nowser Ali (Jamaat), Mattin Rahman Mott (JSD-Siraj), Adv. Zead Al Mamun (JP), Md. Nazrul Islam Khan (Freedom Party), Adv. Huzrat Ali Siddik (Jatiya Party), A.K.M. Asbarul Haque (Jaker Party), Abdullal Hel-Wasek (ML), Md. Mostafizul Siddik (Bhasani), Wazed Ali Khan Ponn (Independent).  
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A total of 84 candidates submitted their nomination papers to contest for eight seats in the parliament from Tangail district.

**Jessore**  
Our Correspondent adds: BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia called upon the people of Jessore to rally round her party in order to make the nation prosperous. She was addressing a public meeting at Jessore Town Hall maidan on Wednesday. District President of BNP Ali Reza Raju presided over the meeting. The BNP chief said that her party would remain firm in upholding the spirit of Bangladesh nationalism and protecting the independence and sovereignty. If voted to power, her party would surely strive for economic emancipation of the people.

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**In Dinajpur-6 Nawabganj-Birampur-Hakimpur-Ghoraghat constituency:** Principle Abdus Salam Aman (15-Party), Principal Atiar Rahman (BNP), Atizur Rahman (Jamaat), Mafizur Rahman (Jatiya Party), Subhas Chandra Mandal (Workers Party), Maktub Hossain (Zaker Party), Budhia Uroo (JSD-Siraj), Jahangir Selim (Janata Party), Sadek Ali (JSD-Rab), and Independent-Mostafizur Rahman Fiaz and Suris Murrmu.  
Most voters however, do not seem much impressed. And they are extremely tight lipped about who they would vote for.**

**Tangail**  
Our Tangail Correspondent says: Tangail as a whole is gradually wearing a festive look as the countdown to the general election has begun. Most political parties are locked in intermittent battle for capturing the vintage points of Tangail walls and strategic places. Banners and posters depicting the candidature of the parties are on display. The printing presses in Tangail are doing a booming business as demand for posters and calendars with political leaders is going up. Area-wise break up of candidates is:  
**Tangail-1 (Modupur), Asika Akbar (BNP), Prof Muzibur Rahman (Jamaat), Abul Hassan (AL), Soros Bondhury (CP), Abdul Samad (JSD-Siraj), A. Noor ul Haque (Independent), Abu Syed Khan (JP), Abdul Motin Hira (JSD-Siraj).**  
**Tangail-2 (Gopalpur and Bhuapur):** Hatem Ali Talukdar (AL), Abdus Salam Pintu (BNP), Samsul Haque Talukdar (JP), Prof. Abdus Salam Khan (Jamaat), Abdul Motin Miah Hira (JSD-Siraj), Mohammad Ali (Jaker Party), Babu Samsonkor Datto (Independent), Khondokar Jahangir (Independent).  
**Tangail-3 (Ghatail):** Samsur Rahman Khan Shahjahan (AL), Lutfor Rahman Khan Azad (BNP), Saidur Rahman Khan Mohon (JP), Hatder Ali Talukdar (BNP), Advocate Abdur Kasem (ML), Kartic Chandro Datto (CP), Advocate Mahbulul Basit (JSD-Siraj).  
**Tangail-4 (Kalihat):** Shahjahan Siraj (JSD-Siraj), Abdul Latif Siddiky (AL), Abdul Kasem Ahmed (AL), Adv. Nurul Alam Talukdar (BNP), Hazera Sultana (Workers Party), Zoaher Ali Khan (Freedom Party), Warusel Hasan Siddiky (Jonota Mukti), Abdul Aziz (Jaker Party), Tofozzul Hossain (Jatiya Taidail), Alimuddin Talukdar (Nap-Bhasani), Lalla Siddiky (Independent), Prof. Nazir Hossain (CP), Abdul Hamid Pramanic (Jatiya Party).  
**Tangail-5 (Sadar and Delduwar):** Abdul Mannan (AL), Mahmudul Hassan (JP), Hossainar Hassan (JP), Khondoker Babul (BNP), Nowser Ali (Jamaat), Mattin Rahman Mott (JSD-Siraj), Adv. Zead Al Mamun (JP), Md. Nazrul Islam Khan (Freedom Party), Adv. Huzrat Ali Siddik (Jatiya Party), A.K.M. Asbarul Haque (Jaker Party), Abdullal Hel-Wasek (ML), Md. Mostafizul Siddik (Bhasani), Wazed Ali Khan Ponn (Independent).  
**Tangail-6 (Nagorpur):** Abdul Mannan (AL), Abu Taher (BNP), Abdul Baten (JSD-Rab), Anamul Korim Shahid (Ind), Adv. Dandul Islam (CP), Aminur Rahman Nantu (Jaker Party), Awlad Hossain (JP), Faizul Bari (Ind), F.M. Abu Naim (Workers Party), Wadudur Rahman Khan (Ind), Moulana Ali Akbar (Ind).  
**Tangail-7 (Mirzapur):** Fazlur Rahman Khan Faruk (AL), Adv. Badaruddin (BNP), Shah Mostafizul Haque Shishtir (JP), Kondoker Nurur Rahman Selim (CP), Syed Abdul Mozibur Rahman (Islami Oikya Jete), Saidur Rahman Khan (JSD-Inu), Nurul Islam (Ind), Mizuddin (Ind).  
**Tangail-8 (Basail and Sakhipur):** Abdul Kader Siddiky (AL), Nasrin Siddiky (Ind), M.A. Khaleq (AL), Humayun Khan Ponn (BNP), Prof. Abdur Razzak (Jamaat), Wazedul Islam Khan (CP), Morsed Ali Khan Ponn (JP), Rabeya Siraj (JSD-Siraj), Abdur Rahim Ahmed (JSD-Siraj), Abul Hasem (JSD-Siraj), Abdus Samad Khan (Jaker Party), Md. Asraf Ali (Ind), Abdullah Mia (JSD-Rab).  
A total of 84 candidates submitted their nomination papers to contest for eight seats in the parliament from Tangail district.

**Jessore**  
Our Correspondent adds: BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia called upon the people of Jessore to rally round her party in order to make the nation prosperous. She was addressing a public meeting at Jessore Town Hall maidan on Wednesday. District President of BNP Ali Reza Raju presided over the meeting. The BNP chief said that her party would remain firm in upholding the spirit of Bangladesh nationalism and protecting the independence and sovereignty. If voted to power, her party would surely strive for economic emancipation of the people.