

Upazila roundup

SYLHET

One stabbed to death

August 5: A youngman was stabbed to death and another one injured in a clash over the repayment of borrowed money Thursday at village Chatal in Sadar upazila of the district, reports UNB.

According to witnesses and police, a youngman Babul accompanied with his friend Habib went to a shop owned by one Liakat of the same village where co-villagers Hannan died on the spot and Intaz was rushed to the hospital in a critical condition.

The body was sent to the hospital for autopsy. Police arrested Babul from the place of occurrence while Habib managed to escape.

A case has been filed in this connection.

AGRI-VARSITY

BAU admission test Aug 19

August 5: The postponed written admission test for the applicants seeking admission into the 1st year degree classes under six faculties of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) for the session 1990-91 will now be held in the university campus at 10.00 a.m. on August 19, a BAU notification said on Saturday, reports UNB.

The admit cards sent earlier to the eligible candidates on preliminary scrutiny will remain valid for appearing at the above admission test.

The decision was arrived at a meeting of the BAU Admission Committee held yesterday with the Vice-Chancellor Prof. M Asadur Rahman in the chair.

KURIGRAM

Smuggled goods recovered

August 5: Bangladesh Rifles seized smuggled goods worth about Taka 1.50 lakh and arrested four people in two separate raids from the border areas of the district, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, BDR jawans rushed to Makurachar of Ullupur upazila and recovered 7,680 Kg Indian salt worth about Taka 40,000 from a mechanized boat recently. They seized the boat but the smugglers managed to escape.

In another drive, BDR recovered 237 pieces of wrist watch worth about Taka 1.10 lakh from Paschim Ram Khana of Nageswari upazila and arrested Kadam Ali, Khadem Hossain, Omar Ali and Abed Ali in this connection.

The contraband were handed over to the local customs authorities.

Two cases were lodged in this connection.

SIRAJGANJ

Govt. employees abstain from duties

August 5: Government employees abstained from duties for seven hours here yesterday to press three-point demands including implementation of the Pay Commission report, reports UNB.

The district unit of Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Sanghati Parishad called for the work stoppage seeking fulfilment of their demands which also include new office timing.

Employees of District Collector's office, judge court, food, registry, education, agriculture and UNO offices abstained from work from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

PANCHAGARH

Tk. 59 crore development plan

August 5: Government has undertaken a five-year programme at a cost of Taka 59 crore for the development and extension of water supply, sanitation and drainage system at the headquarters of 18 districts of the country during the fiscal 1991-92, official sources here said.

The districts are Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Lalmonirhat, Joypurhat, Naogaon, Bhola, Jhalakati, Bogura, Satkhira, Meherpur, Shariatpur, Magura, Narail, Sherpur, Netrakona, Maulvibazar, Manikgonj and Nilphamari.

According to official sources, the scheme with a foreign exchange component of Taka 41.62 crore has been taken up on priority basis. Netherlands will supply the

foreign exchange, the sources added.

With the completion of the programme water supply, sanitation and drainage system in the districts will be improved to a great extent, it is learnt.

KUSHITIA

2 commit suicide

August 5: Two people including one SSC examinee allegedly committed suicide in the district, police and hospital sources said, reports UNB.

In all, during the last five days five cases of attempts to commit suicide were reported. Among them, three were saved after giving treatment in local hospitals.

Aminur Rashid (17), an examinee of SSC allegedly committed suicide by taking poison Friday. He died on way to hospital. The reason behind the suicide could not be known.

The body of another victim Parul (18), a resident of village Sonagachi in sadar upazila was taken to the Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy. She also allegedly committed suicide, police said.

Mazina Khatun (23) of village Muchainagar in Mirpur upazila Thursday took an attempt to commit suicide by taking poison but she was saved after the treatment in Kushtia General Hospital. She took poison following a family feud, relatives said.

Rani (16), and Bely Khatun (22) were admitted to the local hospital Sunday. They also tried to commit suicide by taking poison, hospital sources said.

PATUAKHALI

Tk. 2.25 cr plan for transplanted Aman farming

August 5: Different commercial banks including Bangladesh Krishi Bank have taken up a scheme to disburse about Tk. 2.25 crore as loan for transplanted Aman cultivation in six upazilas of the district during the current season, reports UNB.

According to official sources, of the total loan, Agrani Bank will distribute Tk.43.00 lakh, Sonali Bank Tk. 85.00 lakh, Janata Bank Tk. 15.00 lakh, Rupali Bank Tk. 33.75 lakh and BKB Tk. 23.00 lakh.

The loan will be disbursed for purchasing seeds, fertilizers, insecticides and other necessary agri-inputs, the sources said.

Meanwhile, the distribution of loan has already been started and is expected to be completed soon, it is learnt.

With the completion of the scheme, agri-output will get further boost in the district, the sources added.

MAJDEE COURT

Postmaster, 4 others jailed for embezzlement

August 5: Five people including the postmaster of Noakhali main post office have been sentenced to ten years' rigorous imprisonment each on charges of defalcation of Tk. 13,56,911 from the Noakhali post office fund, reports UNB.

Court sources said, the convicts were also fined Taka 2.80 lakh each and in default to suffer three years' RI more.

District and Sessions Judge delivered the judgement recently.

According to the prosecution story, the convicts drew that amount from several sub-post offices without any record.

A case was filed and after investigation, police submitted the chargesheet against them.

The judge, after examining the records and witnesses, awarded the punishment to them.

CHUADANGA

Fish supply inadequate

August 5: Supply of all varieties of fish is inadequate and prices of all vegetables including potato have abnormally gone up in the local markets of the district.

Fish has become a rare commodity now a days. By chance if it is available in small quantity it is sold at an exorbitant rate. A small size and medium size singhi, magur and tangra fish is being sold at Taka 100 per kg. Besides, ruhi, katla and pabda at Taka 120 per kg. Though it is the season of hilsa fish it is being sold at Taka 60 per kg.

On the other hand potato though available in plenty is now being sold at Taka 8 per kg against Taka 4 per kg three days back.



KISHOREGANJ: The 14th century old Adhikari Mot (temple) at Egaroshindur is on the verge of collapse. It needs early renovation for historical interest. — Photo by Iqbal Siddiqui

Anti-socials active in Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA Aug. 5: Anti-social activities have increased throughout Chuadanga district. Drunkards, gamblers and floating prostitutes carry out their anti-social activities in open places throughout the district especially in Chuadanga Pourashava area and at Darsana.

It is learnt that 'Ananda Bazar' has been opened by the smugglers, gamblers and drunkards unitedly at Darsana, an industrial area of the district where wine, gambling and free movement of prostitutes go on continuously from dawn to late night. As a result, the people of Darsana have become victims of anti-social. In Chuadanga Pourashava area all sorts of anti-social activities are increasing abnormally. Gamblers assemble near railway level crossing, bridge and local cinema halls in the evening and continue their nefarious activities till morning.

The local stadium area, railway station and adjacent areas are under the complete possession of the floating prostitutes.

Immediate steps should be taken to arrest the situation, it is demanded.

One Robkul (18) of village Kutubpur under Damurhuda upazila of Chuadanga district was knocked down by a mini-bus at Gogopara two miles away from here on Chuadanga-Darsana road recently.

It is learnt that the victim while proceeding to Chuadanga on a bicycle with a gunny bag of rice on the carrier suddenly was knocked down by the mini-bus and died on the spot. The driver and the helper, however, managed to escape with the mini-bus.

A case has been started with Chuadanga police station in this connection. Investigation is in progress.

The postmortem was conducted at Meherpur morgue.

JCD conference

The annual conference of Chuadanga Pura College Branch of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal was held at local Pura College premises recently. The conference was presided over by Sohrabuddin Shontu while Abdul Jabbar Sona, Secretary, Chuadanga District Unit of Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal was present as the chief guest. Rezaul Karim Mukul, President, Chuadanga Thana Unit of JJD was present as special guest.

The conference was addressed, among others by Mahbubul Haq, Ashrafuddin, Shaiful Islam, Arif Hossain and Shamim.

One Abdul Rashid (40) of village Sreerampur Nawdapara under Alamdanga upazila of Chuadanga district was slaughtered near Alamdanga GK Canal recently.

It is learnt that the victim

3.7 lakh acres put under Aman farming

From Our Correspondent

MAULVIBAZAR, Aug. 5: Three lakh seven thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven acres have been brought under Aman cultivation in Maulvibazar district during the current season.

According to Agricultural Extension Department sources, 2,68,484 acres have been brought under transplanted Aman and 39,343 acres under broadcasting Aman. The authority concerned has allocated an amount of Tk. 35 lakh for seeds.

The sources added that 18,345 metric tons of broadcasting Aman and 2,24,843 metric tons of transplanted Aman will be produced under the programme.

Chander Hat

A meeting of Chander Hat, a children's organisation was held at Maulvibazar town recently.

Political scene

Over 1000 join BNP

PABNA, Aug. 5: Over one thousand people of Chatmohar upazila here at a simple ceremony joined Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) recently, reports UNB.

In this connection a function was held at the upazila auditorium with the Chatmohar unit vice president Belal Rahman in the chair.

Led by former MP AKM Anwarullah the new entrants pledged to uphold the spirit of Bangladesh Nationalism. They called upon the people to join the nation-building activities under the banner of BNP to make the country economically self-reliant.

They also urged the patriotic people to foil the conspiracy by the vested quarters against the passage of the constitutional amendment bills for the peaceful transition to parliamentary system of the government.

JCD demands punishment to trouble makers

RAJSHAHI Aug. 5: Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) unit of Rajshahi University demanded punishment to those responsible for the recent violence on the campus before its reopening, reports UNB.

JCD leaders submitted a memorandum to Vice Chancellor listing their 5-point demand.

They also demanded compensation to those JCD student activists whose rooms were ransacked by the rival groups during the recent violence.

RU VP Rizvi Ahmed, JCD central committee leader, Shahheen Shaukat and JCD Rajshahi unit Organising Secretary Babul Akhtar Bablu were present during the presentation of the memorandum.

Meanwhile, Rajshahi University authorities expelled six activists of Chhatra Oikya Parishad. They are: Babul Khan, Ayub Ali, Md. Mohsin, Karim Siddik, Subrata and Shaiful Islam Bakul.

RU unit BCL executives

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Aug. 5: Annual workers meeting of Awami League backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) Rajshahi College unit was held at college premises recently.

Presided over by BCL leader Habibur Rahman it was addressed, among others, by Rabiul Alam Buda, Vice-President, BCL of RU unit, Shariful Islam GS RU unit and Labuddin Labu.

A new executive committee was formed in the meeting with Habibur Rahman and Shabeen Shah Ali as President and General Secretary respectively.

Faridpur JP demands Ershad's release

From Our Correspondent

FARIDPUR, Aug. 5: Faridpur district unit of Jatiya Party and Ershad Mukti Parishad recently organised a meeting at Faridpur Janata Bank square and demanded the release of ousted President Ershad.

Md Saiful Islam (Nilu), district acting secretary was in the chair and it was attended by Rana Chatterji and district Juba Sanghati leader S M Yahya. The speakers demanded unconditional release of Ershad and other party leader Shah Moazzem. They criticised the present government for its failure in maintaining law and order, stopping campus violence and price hike of essentials.

After the meeting a big procession paraded the main roads of the town which dispersed at Faridpur Press Club.

Two fake NGO officials arrested

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Aug. 5: Jhenidah police on an information arrested Khondokar Jahinuddin and Shahidul Islam, Chairman and Project Director respectively of Natun Samaj Unnayan Samity (NESDA) a fake NGO from its Jhenidah branch office recently.

According to the reports, the organisation set up its office two months ago and collected huge amount of money from numerous unemployed youths of the locality promising them jobs. Some affected youths brought the matter to the notice of the administration resulting in the arrest of the aforesaid persons.

It is further learnt that the said organisation set up 17 branch offices throughout the country and exploited innumerable unemployed youths.

A case was registered with Jhenidah police station in this connection and investigation is in progress.

Moheshpur thana police having an order from the Deputy Commissioner Jhenidah exhumed the body of a young girl at village Natima in

Moheshpur upazila recently after seven days of her burial. DC made the order after a written allegation in this connection, it is reported.

According to police, the victim Sofia Khatun (18) daughter of Sonia Miah hanged herself on July 7 and was immediately rushed to the Moheshpur Upazila Health Complex where she was declared dead. It is learnt that she hanged herself on engagement of her marriage with another person instead of her lover Noor Nabi. The body was postmortem at Jhenidah morgue and the case was recorded as UD with Moheshpur thana.

Inadequate telephone services in Jhenidah district have been causing serious inconveniences to the local people and the newsmen. Jhenidah district is an important business centre having about 20 lakh inhabitants. There are only 400 telephones in direct dialling exchange. Only one trunk board is working with 12 trunk lines and as such it is impossible for one operator to manage the board during peak hours.

Separate ward for child patients demanded

PANCHAGARH, Aug. 5: Child patients have been suffering badly in the absence of separate ward for them in Sadar hospital here, reports UNB.

The hospital has two wards, one for male and the other for female patients. But the child patients are accommodated in the crowded female ward.

Everyday, over 100 children come to the hospital seeking treatment but 5 to 10 of them are admitted while the rest are deprived of treatment.

Upazila courts need waiting rooms

PANCHAGARH, Aug. 5: Absence of waiting rooms in five upazila courts of the district has been causing untold suffering to the litigants, reports UNB.

The people who come from remote areas complained that they had to move around the court premises due to lack of any sitting arrangements for them. The situation turns worst during summer and rainy season.

Five Jessore dailies implement Wage Board Award

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Aug. 5: Five Jessore dailies have agreed to implement the fourth Wage Board Award. The dailies are 'The Dainik Deshitoishi', the Dainik Purabi, the Dainik Telegram, the Dainik Runner and the Dainik Kalyan. The authorities of the dailies have signed agreement with Jessore Union of Journalists, Newspaper Press Workers Union and Jessore Sangbadpatri Sangram Committee in this respect.

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Police suspected the victim's wife, Rawshan Ara, was paramour of Saheb Ali before her marriage with Khalil, and jealousy might be the cause of the killing. Saheb Ali fled the village.

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Miscreants kill 3 in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Aug. 5: Three people including a minor boy were killed in the district on Saturday, police said, reports UNB.

Miscreants killed rickshawpuller Humayun Mondal (32) Saturday evening at Uttar Chandanghati village in Belkuchi upazila while returning home. The killers took away his rickshaw.

Police recovered the body from a ditch at the village recently.

Khalilur Rahman (28) of Jainidala village in Shahjadpur upazila succumbed to stab injuries at the Sadar Hospital on Saturday.

He was allegedly stabbed mercilessly by Saheb Ali and his few associates of the same village on July 29.

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Anis (9) of Bhadrachal village of Kamarkhand upazila went to a field in nearby Rajganj upazila for grazing goats on Saturday, but didn't

return home.

He was found dead in a sugarcane field at Katinjar char of Rajganj upazila recently. Police recovered the body.

Villagers said his family's feud with co-villagers might be the cause of killing a minor boy.

The bodies were sent to the Sadar Hospital for autopsy. Three cases have been filed.

Police arrested a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader and declared Tk.500.00 each as award for helping them arrest others wanted in connection with violent clashes in the town.

Masud Rana was picked up from Banlapatti area of the town on charges of involvement in clash with Motor Sramik Union men earlier, ransacking Awami League leader Hossain Ali's house on Friday and other cases.

Bail petition of Rana was rejected and he was sent to custody.

Police also arrested three activists from Duttabari area Saturday night in a massive hunt for those involved in the clashes between the supporters of JCD and Chhatra League (A-A) since Thursday.

They are Mohsin of BCL, Momtazul Islam and Sanaullah of JCD. They were going home at Ekdala in the town.

Police posted in several points of the town and searching all suspected passersby or travellers in their intensified drive against 'hooligans'.

Saturday night, police along with a magistrate searched for JCD and BCL activists at Shialkhol and Diarbaidyanath villages in the Sadar upazila.

Local people said police announced with hand-mike that those who would help arrest 'miscreants' be awarded Taka 500 each.

Loanees urged to repay bank loans

Azizul Haque, Chairman, Rupali Bank Ltd. and Member of the Parliament has called upon the borrowers of the Bank to repay overdue loans and help the Bank to sanction new loans to the prospective new borrowers, says a press release of the Bank.

He was addressing the customers' conference, 1991 at the District Council Auditorium at Bogra held on August 2, as the Chief Guest.

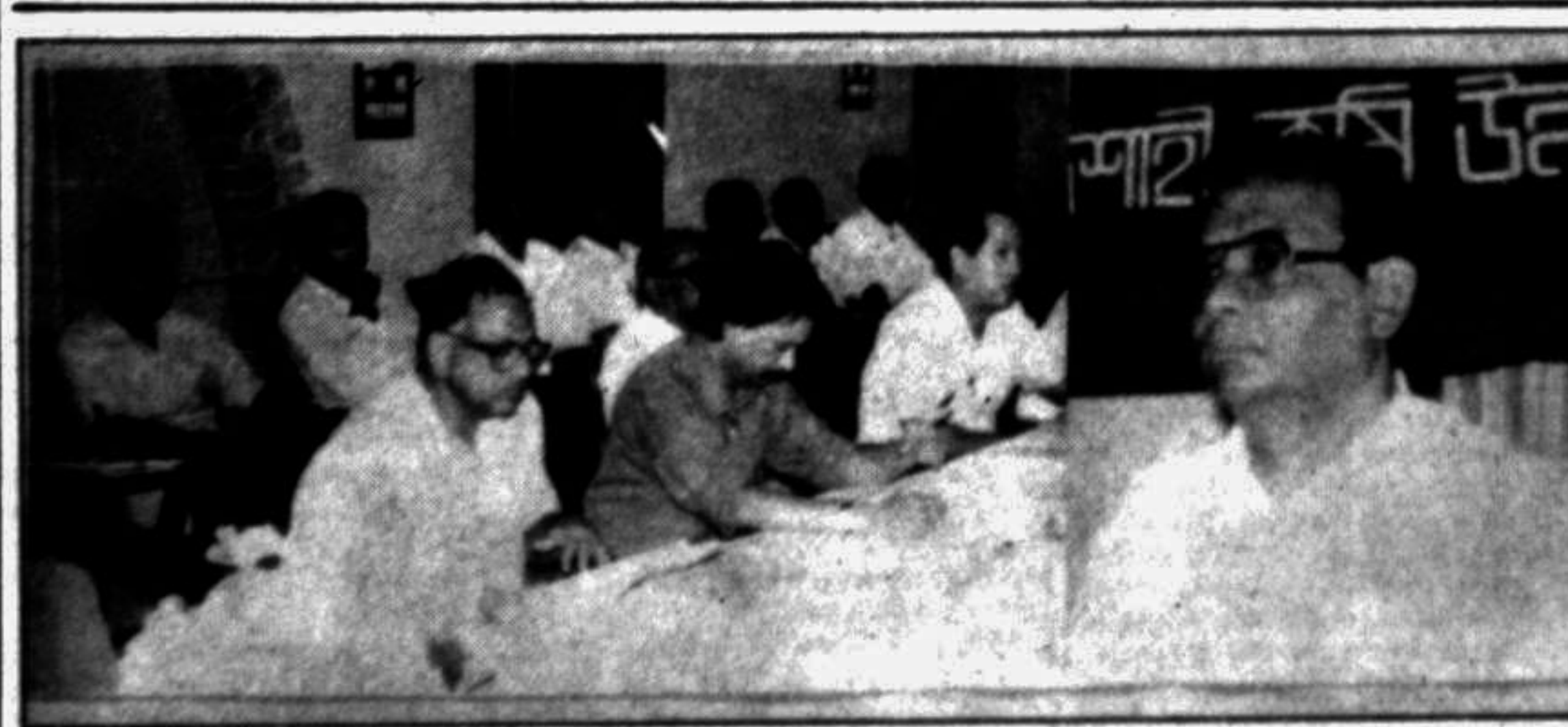
He pointed out that the Bank had a significant role for socio-economic development of the country. The stuck-up loans of the Bank had created adverse effects on the overall economy of the country, he added.

He indicated that the Bank was not in a position to play its desired role as it did in the past. He hoped that the borrowers of the Bank would come forward to repay the overdue loans as per government directive and to reactivate the country's economy on sound footing.

The meeting was also addressed by the Members of Parliament, Abdul Majid Talukder and Golam Mohammad Stral.

Addressing the meeting, Jalilur Rahman Chowdhury, General Manager, Rupali Bank Ltd. called upon the borrowers of the Bank to repay the outstanding loans and help the Bank to recycle the same for socio-economic development of the country. The meeting was also addressed by Yousuf Ali Howlader, Deputy General Manager, Bogra Zone.

Earlier, the officers and members of the staff of Bogra Zone organised a reception meeting in honour of the new Chairman of the Bank. The Chairman also attended the Branch Manager's conference of Bogra Zone held at District Council Auditorium as chief guest. The Chairman advised the Branch Managers to put in their best efforts for recovery of Bank's stuck-up loans.



RAJSHAHI: Mr. M M Nurul Haque, Managing Director, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank addressing at Bank's Regional Managers' Conference recently.



UNDP Resident Representative Winston Temple addressing the opening programme on animal husbandry organised by Maitree Samaj Kalayan Sangha a socio-cultural organisation at Sreepur recently.