Upazila roundup

JAMALPUR

Press Club general meeting held

From Our Correspondent

August 6 : A general meeting of Jamalpur Press Club was held here with Muslim Uddin Sujan in the cheir recently.

The meeting was addressed by Meherullah, Mamunur Rashid, Mostafa Babul, Shafiqzaman Litu, Zahid Habib, Shukumar Chandra Dee, Batlur Rahman, Abu Zafar Chowdhury and other's .

JUCSU leaders hailed

Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of Jamalpur district unit has congratulated the newly elected student leaders of Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union (JUCSU) and hall union leaders.

A statement signed by Shahidul Haque Khan Dulal said it was a victory against terrorism in educational institution of the country. They also brought out a procession.

JHALAKATI

Tk 9.57 lakh post cyclone rehabilitation plan

August 6: A total of Taka 9.57 lakh was sanctioned for a post tornado rehabilitation scheme in the district, reports

According to official sources, out of the amount Taka 6.52 lakh was sanctioned for rehabilitation of the Agriculture and Taka 3.57 lakh for repairing of two damaged examination centres.

Meanwhile, 481 metric tons of wheat worth about Taka 34.00 lakh were distributed among 1300 distressed families of the district under Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) programme during the last fiscal year.

Of the total wheat, 117 metric tons were distributed in Sadar, 149 metric tons in Nalchiti, 100 metric tons in Rajapur, 81 metric tons in Kathalia and 34 metric tons in Nalchiti Municipal area, the sources added.

RANGAMATI

Teak-logs recovered

August 6: A total of 100 cft teak-logs were recovered from a bush near Chitmaram, a tribal village on the bank of the river Karnafuli, illegally extracted from the government reserve forest, reports UNB.

According to forest officials, the logs were about to be smuggled by an organised gang whose attempts were foiled by timely detection recently.

A case has been filed in this connection.

About 800 cft of timber worth Taka 3.25 lakh was also recovered in two separate raids conducted by forest officials of Karnafuli range re-

PATUAKHALI

Flood control embankment completed

August 6: Construction work of a flood control embankment has been completed at a cost of Taka 10 crore in Charmontaz of Galachipa upazila of the district, reports

Official sources said, the embankment was built by the Water Development Board (WDB) under financial assistance of Asian Development

Bank (ABD). About 4500 acres of land in the locality will be save from tidal surge and salinity by the embankment, sources added.

Repairing of end institutions

Facilities Department under the Ministry for Education has taken up a programme to repair four educational institutions at a cost of Taka 20 lakh

in the town. The institutions are : Patuakhali government Boys' college, Patuakhali government Women College, Patuakhali Jubilee Boys' High School and Patuakhali government Girls' High School.

SUNAMGANJ

33 jailed for murder

August 6: Thirty three persons were awarded different terms and fined on charge of involvement in the murder of co-villager, court sources said, reports UNB.

Additional District and Sessions Judge Abdul Muquith Majumdar in his judgement recently said the victim, Bachchu Miah was called out of his home at purangaon village of Biswamberpur upazila in July, 1988.

Several villagers gathered there and some of them beat Bachchu Mia mercilessly.

Later Bachchu succumbed to his injuries at Sadar hospital on July 4, 1988. The victim's wife filed a

case against 43 persons. The learned judge after examining evidences and witnesses found 33 persons

The judge awarded six of the accused 10 years rigorous imprisonment and fined Taka 5,000 in default two years RI more and 27 others six years' imprisonment and fined Taka 2,000 in default one year's imprisonment more.

Ten other persons were acquitted as no charge could be framed against them.

KISHOREGANJ

Sangbadik samity executive body reorganised

From Our Correspondent August 6: The district unit of Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity has reorganised its Executive Committee at a meeting held at the press club on Saturday last.

The committee was formed with Abu Bakar Siddique Hero and Mohammad Sayeeduzzman as President and General Secretary respectively.

Other office-bearers are Subir Basak, Vice President, Kazi Saheen Khan, Assistant Secretary, Fazle Elahi and Liakat Hossain Manik Members.

The meeting was presided over by Professor Ziauddin Ahmed.

PABNA

Body recovered

August 6: Police recovered a body from Charbalarampur area in Sadar upazila Monday, reports UNB.

The deceased identified as Israil (28), son of Moniruddin Sheikh of Brojonathpur village in Sadar upazila, was feared to have been killed by miscreants

Family sources said the victim was kidnapped by some armed miscreants on July 29. A case was lodged in this connection.

Heroin recovered

Narcotics Control Department here recovered 17 grams of heroin worth about Taka 2 lakh and arrested one person in this connection from Krishnapur area of the town Sunday.

NARAYGANJ, Aug 6: Bangla-

desh Inland Water Transport

Authority (BIWTA) terminal

here lacks requisite facilities

for the passengers and the

It is known to all that this

river port has a prominent

trade. Therefore the terminal

of BIWTA has utmost impor-

tance for handling trade and

lakhs the terminal was inaugu-

rated on March 29,1966. It

was designed to ensure

amenities which the old river

Flash flood in

Comilla: 2 die

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, Aug 6: At least

two persons were drowned

and another five were missing

when the river Gumti burst its

bank near Prijatrapur village in

Burichang upazila Sunday due

to flash flood caused by inces-

sant rain during the last three

ctals, a 300 foot crack in the

bank has affected at least 18

unions of Burichang, Brah-

manpara and Muradnagar

upazilas of the district inundat-

ing about 20,000 acres of

cropland and rendering about

Abu Taher (16) and another

unidentified boy drowned in

the village Pirjatrapur and an-

other 5 people remained

Our Staff Correspondent

from Chittagong adds: : Flood

waters began to recede from

the affected areas of

Chittagong district Sunday

About ten lakh people have

been affected and over two

thousand rendered homeless

when three days rain waters

overflew the Matamuhuri,

Sanghu and Dhalua rivers and

upazilas in flash flood.

Hathazari and Raozan.

trict officials said.

gripped nine out of fourteen

The affected upazilas in-

cluded Satkania, Lohagara,

Chandaniash, Pattya, Boalkhali,

Rangunia, Fatickchari,

UNB adds: Cox's Bazar re-

mained cut off from rest of the

country as road communica-

bridge in swirling flood water.

Bazar-Chittagong highway at

tion snapped with collapse of a

The bridge on the Cox's

with the cessation of rainfall.

missing, district officials said.

two lakh people homeless.

According to district offi-

Built at a cost of Taka 45

travelling public.

position in the world jute

traders. The pickpockets have

suitable for their activities.

Acting on a tip, officials of the department raided the house of Ramzan Ali (50) and caught him red-handed with now found this place most

A case was filed in this connection with the local police.

KUSHTIA

3 arrested from hotel

August 6: Police Sunday arrested three people includ ing a girl from a local hotel in the town for their alleged involvement in anti-social activities, reports UNB.

Those arrested were identified as: Farida Akhter alias Mousami (18) Alamgir and manager of the hotel.

Acting on tip, police raided he hotel and nabbed the three. But two of them, however, managed to escape.

They claimed that the girl was brought in the hotel to solemnise her court marriage. But it was not clear that to whom, the girl got married.

Later, Police forwarded them to the Magistrate's Court.

SATKHIRA

One commits suicide

August 6 : Asgar Ali, 26, killed himself after being snubbed by his elder brother for picking Taka 150 without permission, reports UNB.

According to the FIR lodged with the Sadar upazila police the victim belonging to Mashkhola village was shocked for having been detected and took pesticide.

Asgar was rushed to the hospital where he died.

COMILLA

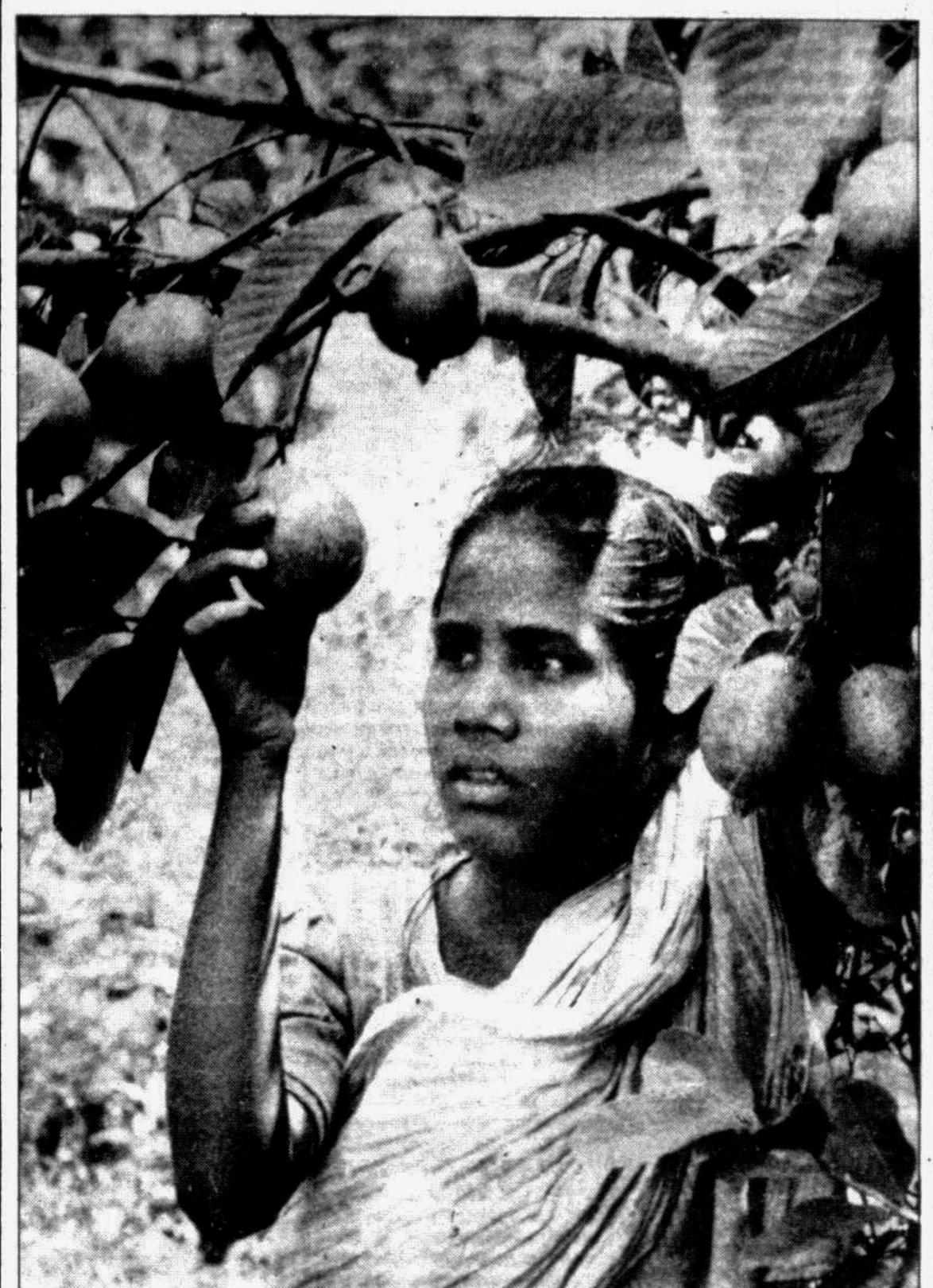
Indian cotton yarn seized

August 65: Police scized Indian cotton yarn worth about Taka four lakh from village Dulalpur in Sadar upazila and arrested two people in this connection, reports UNB.

Acting on a secret information, police raided the houses of Shamsul Haq, a Union Parishad member and Jutu Mia recently and recovered the smuggled goods from their

Police sent them to jail hajat and further investigation is

Local people alleged that the arrested men with the collaboration of influentials are involved in smuggling for a long time.



Record production of guava is reported this year. A girl plucking the fruit at a village in Joydevpur. - Star photo

But the terminal and areas

Littered with filth and

Serious health hazards to

The authorities have not

around it have become a happy

hunting ground for squatters

and anti-social elements prey-

garbage in the absence of

proper cleaning the terminal

building and its corridors pose.

cared to maintain urinals and

toilets nor has it provided

drinking water for the passen-

gers. Lighting arrangement is

corruption in respect of selling

entrance tickets to the pas-

There are also allegations of

Aug

ing on poor passengers.

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dwellers.

also inadequate.

RANGPUR,

Baharbond Katchery Bhaban,

an abandoned property is now

on the verge of collapse

threatening the lives of its

back, it was constructed by the

then Zaminder of Baharbond

Estate. After 1956, it was de-

clared abandoned and the then

government took its owner-

has developed cracks and

holes at its roofs, walls and

grown in it and during rainy

season, rain waters easily enter

inside it to the utter inconve-

Public Works Department

niences of the occupants.

floors. Parasitic plants have

This century-old building

About one hundred years

Narayanganj IWTA terminal

lacks modern facilities

From Our Correspondent

charges.

The terminal authority has

vast source of revenue that

includes berthing, cargo han-

dling and terminal charges and

coolie contract fees. The au-

thority annually earns about

ing more than Taka 45 lakhs

on account of terminal

The importance of the ter-

minal can be judged from the

volume of the traffic handled

during the period of 1991-92.

As many as 34,11,000 passen-

gers embarked and disem-

barked at the port during the

touched and 21,540 left the

port, and 970 trips were done

Baharbond Kutchery Bhaban

needs early repair

From Our Correspondent

(PWD) took up a survey pro-

gramme to locate unfit build-

ings owned by the government

and traced out 100 such unfit

and dilalipidated buildings.

These buildings are being used

as government office and for

residential accommodation of

the officials. The PWD just

after survey, sent not ices to

the government declaring

them unfit for habitation and

proposed for required funds

for repairing and reconstruc-

tion works. But no fund has so

far been sanctioned in this re-

Bhaban also declared unfit and

building is occupied

condemned in 1987.

The Baharbond Katchery

A room of this katchery

About 21,600 vessels

Goitre patients left untreated

KURIGRAM, Aug 6: About one lakh people of Kurigram, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat and Nilphamari districts of greater Rangpur have been suffering from goitre, accor-

ding to an estimate. Official sources said the people of the char areas of the districts are the main suffer-

According to the physicians, iron deficiency is the main cause of this ailment

Rectified iodine is the preventive drug for goitre to some extent but poor people of the char areas cannot afford it due to poverty, it is reported.

Despite physical hazards the goitre patients are subjected to social apathy. Sometimes children feel frightened to see their swelling neck. They are generally isolated from their families and take recourse to begging for livelihood.

Nosimun and Ashmoyee both from village Harikosh of

From Our Correspondent

Kurigram Sadar upazila told this correspondent that the disease has come to them as curse. Their husbands have deserted them due to the swelling of their necks. Finding no other alternative they took to begging while some others are working as maid servants.

Most of the men suffering from goitre work as day labourers in the village. Tipu Bawra (50) of village Uddimari has been suffering from this disease since her childhood, while Mujibur Rahman,a rickshawpuller and Amjad Hossain another villager took various medicines as suggested by the doctors but to no effect.

The disease is mostly prevalent in the char areas like Jamuna, Jatrapur, Panchkachi, Chowddhagurir Char, Kali Ganger Char, Chattrapur, Dakbanglar Char, Ghogadha Char and Noorkharwar Char

It is being felt that a hospi-

tal for treating only gottre pa-tients should be established in Rangpur-Dinajpur zone. Prices of essentials rise

Prices of essentials have shot up in the local markets adversely affecting low and

fixed income groups of people. Traders allegedly raised the prices of the essentials on the plea of the imposition of VAT. Market sources said soy-

abean oil is now being sold between Taka 45 and 48 against Taka 32 per kg last month. Mustard oil is also being sold at Taka 50 to 60 against Taka 40 and 50 last Different varieties of rice

have gone up by about Taka 50 and 60 per mound. Prices of powdered milk and spices like onion, ginger have also showed an upward trend.

In addition, prices of cement, rod and bricks registered a rise affecting construction work here.

5 bus passengers injured by dacoits

KUSHTIA, Aug 6: Five par sengers were injured and a dacoit was caught redhanded when a gang of criminals tried to rob bus passengers at Mosan Bazar Sunday night, police said, reports UNB.

Passengers said, a gang of armed people stopped the bus (Kushtia-Ba-143) and tried to plunder the valuables.

But the passengers with the help of local people caught one member of the gang and recovered some valuable from his possession. Five passengers were injured during the clash with

the dacoits. They were given

first aid at Kushtia General

Hospital. A case was also filed in this connection with the local po-

Another report from Pabna said, police arrested 40 people including four Sharbahara Party activists on different criminal charges.

by 80 vessels in which a total

number of about 38,000 sea-

men came on board the mer-

chants ships at Narayanganj

14,71,000 tons. The main

items were food grains, fertil-

izer, jute, machinery parts,

coal, wood, chemicals, tubes

also decreased during the past

few years. This is primarily be-

cause of the river Sitalakhya

slowly being silted up. Big ves-

sels can handly enter the river.

The inadequate arrangement

for dredging has aggravated

Rangpur Press Club being allot-

administration on the plea of

Rangpur town development

and road expansion works had

demolished the 3-storted

building owned by Rangpur

Press Club and prior to its de-

molition the then government

and the district administration

assured the pressmen that a

complex would be constructed

meant for use of Rangpur Press

Club covering the entire 37

decimal land area of Baharbond

Katchery. But this assurance

has not yet been materialised

resulting in Rangpur press-

men running their club func-

Katchery Bhaban risking life.

in the Baharbond

In 1990, the district

ted by the government.

the problem.

The volume of cargo has

The cargo handled at the

port during the year.

Taka one crore 55 lakh includ- port during 1991-92 was

Political scene

Kishoreganj BNP workers meet held

From Our Correspondent KISHOREGANJ, Aug. 66: A workers meeting organised by Karimganj upazila unit of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) was held at its office premises recently. With Kabiruddin Ahmed in the chair. Amiruzzaman, Organising Secretary of Kishoreganj district BNP attended the meeting as chief guest. The meeting was addressed, by Abdul Ahad, Abu Miah, Md. Harunur Rashid and Azizul Islam.

An extended meeting of Bangladesh Chhatra League (N-S) of Kishoreganj district committee was held at its office recently.

The meeting was presided over by Atikur Rahman, and addressed by Monirul Haque Khanak, Masud Ahmed, Md. Shalauddin and Ajoy Das.

Eid reunion

Eid-reunion of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad, Kishoreganj Sadar upazila command unit was held at the district unit premises recently.

The meeting was presided over by Sadar Upazila Commander Bidyut Prasad Roy.

Md. Idris Ali, Convener of Bangladesh Muktijoddah Sangsad, Kishoreganj district unit attended the Eid-reunion and monthly meeting as chief

20 join BCL (S-A) in Rajshahi

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Aug 6: Twenty workers and leaders of different student organisations including Bangladesh Chhatra Mottree (BCM) leader S M Golam Murshid and Jamaat backed Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) leader Din Mohammed Babu recently joined Awami League backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) being imbued with the party ideals and expressed their total support to the leadership of Sheikh Hasina, a party press release said here.

BCL(S-A) Meanwhile. Rajshahi city unit President and Secretary Asaduzzaman Asad and Habibur Rahman respectively in a joint statement hailed these workers and leaders for joining the party.

JP workers' meet held

The workers' conference of Jatiya Party Puthia Upazila unit was held recently at Puthia market premises.

Chaired by ex-MP and Vice-President of Jatiya Party, Rajshahi district unit Prof Abul Hossain, it was addressed.

Nazrul Islam, Advocate Abdus Samad and Abdul Wadud Mondol. Speakers at the meeting demanded immediate uncon-

among others, by Advocate

ditional release of Ershad and other JP leaders. They also blamed the present govt for what they called its failure to take steps to check campus vi-

Pirganj thana BNP committee formed

From Our Correspondent

August 6: Biennial council meeting of Pirgani thana unit of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) under Thakurgaon district was held at Purnima Cinema Hall recently.

The meeting was presided over by Ansarul Alam Moyna. Advocate Toyabur Rahman, district president of the party attended as chief guest while Fakrul Islam Alamgir was the special guest. Among others, local journalists were present. The councilors unanimously elected a 51 member commit tee for the thana unit, headed by Ansarul Islam Moyna as President and Mr. Jahidul Haque Sccretary.

5 more hurt as BCL, JCD clash at Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 6: The student activists of Awami League and BNP clashed at Kazipur Meghai College today, leaving at least five injured, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said the trouble erupted when some Chhatra League supporters attacked the Kazipur BNP office at about 2 pm. Today's clash was believed

to be in a sequel to the brawl between the two belligerent groups in the last three days in the town.

The injured were released after first aid, sources said.

JCD leader stabbed at Edward College PABNA, Aug 6: A leader of

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal was stabbed by some unruly students at the Edward College here yesterday, reports UNB.

The victim, Khondaker Mizanur Rahman Milon, is Assistant General Secretary of the college unit of JCD. He was rushed to Pabna General Hospital

JCD blamed the Awami League-backed Chhatra League (A-A) for the stabbing. A case has been lodged in

this connection.

Smuggled goods worth Tk 22.37 lakh seized

From Our Correspondent office of the Principal and

CHUADANGA, Aug . Smuggled goods worth Taka 22,37.633 were seized by the BDR personnel from Jibannagar uapzila head quarters of Chuadanga district on July 29.

The smuggled goods were setzed from a truck at Jibannagar bus stand. The driver and the helper is absconding. The seized goods included 58 pieces of VCR, 509 kgs of cloves, 262 kgs of cinnamon, 33 kgs of cardamona. huge quantity of coconut oil. deep tubewell pipes and copper etc. The goods brought from Dhaka were apprehended to be smuggled to India.

Recently formed Chuadanga Government College Sangrami Chhatra Samaj ransacked the

damaged the office furniture on July 30 for not publishing a white paper on account of the college students union of 1988-89. The Sangrami Chhatra Samaj had been demanding the white paper and submitted memorandum to the college authority. The leaders of the Samaj held a meeting with the col-

thority failed to place any account before them. As a result, the students leaders in anger ransacked the office of their principal and damaged chairs and tables etc. The Darsana Sugar Mills has

lege authority while the au-

produced 19840 metric tons of sugar exceeding its production target this year.

Boraftala in Chokoria upazila RANGPUR: The dilapidated Baharbond Katchery building which may collapse at any broke down last night, the dismoment.