

Upazila roundup

NARAYANGANJ

3 killed in road mishap

From Our Correspondent

Aug 17: Three persons were killed and 20 others injured when a speeding truck from Meghna and a minibus (Narayanganj Ba-14) from Narayanganj loaded with passengers collided at head on Madanpur area under Bandar upazila on Dhaka-Chittagong highway last week.

According to the police Latu Chowdhury (33) and two other unidentified young boys died on the spot as the driver of the bus lost control of the steering and hit the truck. The bus fell into a roadside ditch. Three persons with serious injuries were sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital while seven others were admitted to Narayanganj hospital. Ten of them were released after first aid.

Police seized the truck and the bus while its drivers managed to flee.

Three separate unnatural death cases have been registered with Bandar thana in this connection.

BOGRA

Contract millers misappropriate rice worth Tk 5 cr

From Our Correspondent

Aug 17: Rice worth Taka 5 crore has been misappropriated by some contract millers in collaboration with some departmental officers in Betgari food godown in Bogra Sadar upazila. Sergeant (RTD) Anwar Hossain and Mr Nazir Uddin UFO Bogra Sadar have been suspended in this connection.

A four member enquiry team has been constituted in this regard.

It is learnt from a reliable source that though the capacity of Betgari LSD is only three thousand metric tons some millers misappropriated four thousand six hundred metric tons rice worth Taka four crore 55 lakh.

KISHOREGANJ

Old woman stabbed to death

From Our Correspondent

Aug 17: A sixty-year-old woman was stabbed to death by miscreants at village Gaith in Kishoreganj Sadar upazila in the early hours of Wednesday last.

According to the police the victim Kutub Banu wife of Abdul Motallib while came out of the house to respond to the nature's call was attacked by miscreants. The miscreants stabbed her in the chest, hands and eyes resulting in her instantaneous death.

Police took two persons including the son-in-law of the victim into custody for interrogation. A case was registered with Kishoreganj police station in this connection. The additional Superintendent of Police Mr SM Golam Mostafa and Assistant Superintendent of Police, Sadar Circle Md Mosharrar Hossain Bhuyan and officer in-charge of Kishoreganj police station Mr Abu Mohammed Abdurazzaman visited the spot. The body was sent to the Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital for post-mortem.

FENI

Tk 23 lakh for repairing of Muhuri river bank

Aug 17: The government has sanctioned Tk 23.05 lakh for repairing the embankment on the left bank of the Muhuri river in Porshuram upazila of the district, reports UNB.

The embankment had been breached during the recent flood. Work on the project under the post-flood rehabilitation programme will start soon, official sources said.

On completion of the project, about two lakh people of the Porshuram upazila will get the benefit of flood protection, local Water Development Board source said.

3 dacoits held

Police arrested three dacoits from Yeakubpur village under Dagonbhuyan upazila of the district.

According to police sources, the arrested dacoits, namely Belayet Hossain, Babul Miah and Belayet Hossain (2) raided the house of a court official on July 10 and decamped with cash and valuables.

Police rounded them up from their village recently and produced them before the upazila magistrate court.

The dacoits are learnt to have admitted their crime.

FARIDPUR

Body recovered

Aug 17: Police recovered a body of a boy from a brickfield at Goalchamat area in the town, reports UNB.

The victim Rabiul (10), was missing from his home at village Raghunandanpur of sadar upazila from August 8, family sources said.

The body found recently was tied around his waist with a brick. The reason behind the killing could not be ascertained.

His body was sent to Faridpur General Hospital for autopsy. A case has been filed with the Kotwali police.

JHENIDAH

Housewife beaten to death by neighbour

Aug 17: One young housewife succumbed to her injuries Wednesday night at Khajura village of Sadar upazila, police said, reports UNB.

The victim Maju Bibi (22), wife of Mujibur Rahman of the village was beaten mercilessly by the co-villager Golam Nabi and his accomplice Mongol as she disclosed that Golam tried to violate her on the night of August 10, family sources said.

The body was sent to the Sadar hospital for autopsy. A case has been lodged in this connection.

MANIKGANJ

Indian sarees recovered

Aug 17: River Traffic Police (RTP) seized Indian sarees worth about Taka 9,000 from Aricha ferry ghat on Thursday, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip, RTP raided a Dhaka bound night coach (No BA-553) from Jessore and recovered the contraband.

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

A case has been filed with Aricha police.

SIRAJGANJ

BCL(S-A) wins college union polls

From Our Correspondent

Aug 17: Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) bagged all 18 posts of Kaziur Munsir Ali Government College students union polls held on August 14.

Jahangir Alam and Nurul Islam Bakul were elected VP and GS respectively. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) won all seats of Tenglahataram Degree College students union polls in Sirajganj district.

The 16th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was observed in the district with a befitting manner. District and upazila units of Awami League and front organisations chalked out a day-long programme which included Quran Khuan, milad mahfil, discussion meeting and seminars to mark the day.

JAMALPUR

Diarrhoea claims 5 lives

Aug 17: Diarrhoea claimed five lives and affected 500 others in eight villages of six upazilas of the district during the last three days, official sources said, reports UNB.

The worst affected villages are Banna, Chinaduli, Ghoradhap, Digpait, Taratia, Bhakthwa, Charputipari and Kamalerchar.

Scarcity of pure water and taking of adulterated food were attributed to the out break of the disease.

District Civil Surgeon said several medical teams are working in every union of the upazila to combat the disease.

SUNAMGANJ

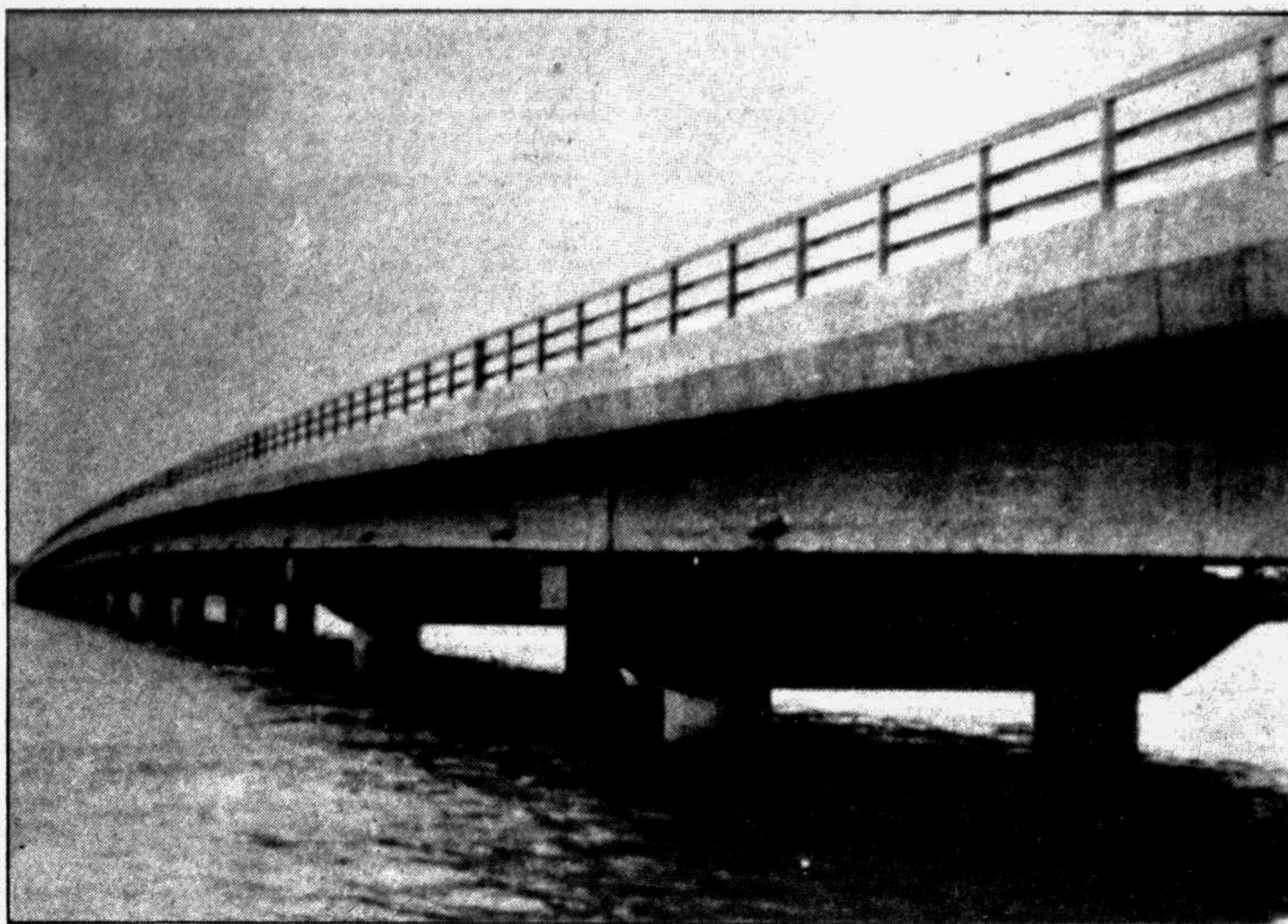
One succumbs to injuries

Aug 17: A man seriously injured by rival group succumbed at the sadar hospital Wednesday, police here said, reports UNB.

The victim identified as Rana Miah (25) of Goneshpur village in Chhatrak upazila of the district was mercilessly beaten by a group of co-villagers following a hot exchange over trifling matter.

He was rushed to the local hospital in a critical condition where he died on the same day. His body was sent to morgue for autopsy.

A case was lodged with Chhatrak police in this connection.



MYMENSINGH: The 464.30-metre long Shambaganj Bridge constructed by China on the river Old Brahmaputra opens to traffic today. — Star photo

Housing problem acute in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Aug 17: Acute housing problem has been persisting in Kaliganj upazila since long causing immense sufferings to the low-paid employees of government and non-government organisations, autonomous bodies and private establishments.

According to the tenants, monthly house rent for a house presently varies from Taka 800 to Taka 1500 excluding electricity, gas and water bill while the owners realise rent in advance creating pressure on the tenants.

According to the owners, increase in house rents is due to abnormal price hike of construction materials. Fixed income groups are

unable to live in upazila towns with families due to increased rents. They live in messes or rented rooms. People are reluctant to construct houses due to huge financial involvement of construction materials and lands.

Local people suggested that construction of the government estates would help solve the problem to some extent.

Hostel facilities for girls students absent

Female education is being seriously hampered in Satkhira town due to absence of college and hostel facilities for the girl students.

The town has three colleges

two government and one private. Out of four girls high schools one is government and three are private with 3000 student. There is no adequate separate residential accommodation facilities for the girl students in the schools and colleges. Guardians send their wares to the town for higher education but these students face lot of difficulties due to absence of hostel facilities.

Most of the guardians have to arrange accommodation for their wards in their relatives houses.

Therefore, people of the district demanded early construction of four hostels for girls without further delay.

Separate ward for children demanded

Child patients have been suffering badly in the absence of separate wards in the Satkhira Sadar Hospital.

The hospital has one male ward and one female ward. Child patients are accommodated in crowded female wards.

Every year over 100 child patients come to the hospital seeking treatment but a few of them are admitted while the rest are deprived of treatment for want of accommodation.

It is mentionable that there is enough space in the hospital building to make a separate ward for children.

Misappropriation of 1625 maunds wheat alleged

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Aug 17: Project Chairman of Kulkandi Union Parishad in Islampur upazila has allegedly misappropriated 1625 maunds of government wheat. The wheat was allocated under Food for Works Programme in 1990-91 fiscal year.

According to the official sources, Kulkandi union member and Project Chairman, Golam Hossain lifted about 2000 maunds of wheat allocated for flood control embankment. The chairman utilised 375 maunds of wheat to execute the project and allegedly misappropriated the remaining 1625 maunds wheat.

The labourers of the project

lodged separate complaints against the Project Manager and submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner of Jamalpur, Upazila Chairman of Islampur, Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation and local Anti-Corruption Department, but no action has yet been taken, it is alleged.

A conference of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) of Jamalpur district unit was held at Jamalpur Public Hall recently.

The conference was presided over by Zahurul Haque, President of district Chhatra League (S-A) while Mr. Obaidul Qader, Assistant Editor of Banglar Bani was the chief guest and Mr. Shah-e-Alam,

President of Chhatra League (S-A) was the special guest. It was inaugurated by Chhatra League (S-A) Secretary General Asim Kumar Ukil.

The annual conference of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) Jamalpur town unit was held at Shighajhi High School ground recently.

The conference was presided over by Abul Kalam Azad while District Awami League President Advocate Motur Rahman Talukdar was the chief guest. Among other it was addressed by Professor Shahidullah, Shamsur Rahman, Mizanur Rahman, Golam Azam MP, Mamun Reza Rahim, Zahurul Islam, Shukant De, Advocate Dakibullah and others.

Drinking water scarce in Khagrachari

KHAGRACHARI, Aug 17: Scarcity of drinking water has been prevailing in the hill district as most of the tubewells have gone out of order due to abnormal fall in ground water level, reports UNB.

According to the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), 635 tubewells of eight upazilas in the district were also rendered inoperative as these could not be repaired for lack of fund.

The worst affected upazila is Dilghenala where seven tubewells out of 12 have gone out of order, compelling 70,000 inhabitants to use water from canals and ponds.

The local people urged the authorities to take necessary steps immediately for ensuring supply of pure water.

VC concerned over deadlock in CU

CHITTAGONG, Aug 17: A meeting of Proctor and Provosts of the Chittagong University yesterday called for active role by the law-enforcing agencies to restore peace and order on the campus, reports UNB.

The meeting held in the campus with Vice-Chancellor Prof Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin in the chair expressed grave concern over the deadlock in the university.

Meanwhile, All-Party Student Unity (APSU) and the Chittagong University Central Students Union (CUCSU) yesterday gave a 24-hour ultimatum to the authorities to fulfil their six-point demand, including arrest of those responsible for killing Faruque on December 22 last.

Islami Chhatra Shibir also called for a two-day strike demanding removal of the Vice-Chancellor and protesting August 13 incident.

The six-point demand of APSU and CUCSU was announced at a joint press conference at the local press club.

The five other demands are: arrest of the terrorists responsible for crippling the University administration, restoration of academic atmosphere in the campus, arrest of those who kidnapped student leaders Sarwar Alam and Alamgir Jalil, arrest and punish the terrorists and outsiders staying in the residential halls, arrest of those who attacked the APSU and CUCSU leaders from August 13 to 15 and their expulsion and compensate those injured during the August 13 incident.

The press conference was

addressed, among others, by CUCSU Vice-President Mohammad Nazimuddin, CUCSU General Secretary Azimuddin Ahmed and the leaders of Chhatra League (A-A) and Jatiya Chhatra League.

Islami Chhatra Shibir called its two-day strike at a rally held Friday afternoon at Anderkilla in the city. Shibir

Chittagong city unit President Mostafa Kamal Chowdhury presided.

Shibir activists also held a rally in the campus on Friday.

Shantibahini men

Another report from Khagrachari adds: Two outlawed Shantibahini insurgents surrendered with 100 rounds

of rifle's ammunition to the law enforcing agency here.

According to official sources, the self-styled Adjutant General Sneha Kumar Chakma and his Assistant Commander Priti Kumar Chakma appeared all on a sudden at the District Army Brigade Headquarters and surrendered on August 12.

Shambaganj Bridge opens today

From Our BAU Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Aug 17: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will formally open to traffic the Shambaganj Bridge tomorrow at 11 am.

The work on Taka 79 crore Shambaganj Bridge (Bangladesh-China Friendship Bridge-2) on the river Brahmaputra has been completed four months ahead of the schedule realising the longstanding expectation of the people of greater Mymensingh (Mymensingh, Sherpur, Kishoregonj and Netrokona district).

The Chinese experts have constructed the bridge. The work on the 464.30-metre long and 14.40 metre-wide bridge started in December, 1989 and was scheduled to

end in December this year. The bridge has 1.50 meter wide footpath on both sides.

The foundation of the bridge was laid by deposed President Hussain Muhammed Ershad on January, 25, 1989.

Of the total amount spent, Bangladesh provided Taka 35 crore two lakhs and the rest was given by China.

The memorandum for constructing the bridge was signed between Bangladesh and China in Beijing on July 4, 1987. With the opening of the Bridge Road communication of the Kishoregonj, Netrokona, and Sherpur with Mymensingh district headquarters and the capital Dhaka will be more easy.

Habiganj Red Crescent executives

HABIGANJ, Aug 17: Election of office bearers of the district unit of Red Crescent Society was held at the annual general meeting Monday at its office premises, reports UNB.

Advocate Abdul Motallib and Saifur Rahman Faruq were elected President and Secretary respectively.

Elected members of the executive committee are Usman Gani, Shah Kamal Uddin, Abdul Hye Taher, Abdul Mannaf and OK Cause.

Advocate Atik Ullah presided over the annual general meeting.

Dacoity in brickfield

NARSINGDI, Aug 17: A gang of armed dacoits attacked a brickfield office at village Danga of Palash upazila here Wednesday and decamped with cash and furniture worth about Tk 1.08 lakh, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the miscreants numbering about 20-25 armed with lethal weapons ransacked the office of Aziz Brick Manufacturing (ABM) at about 9 am, abducted its Assistant Manager and escaped with the valuables.

Civic amenities absent in Maulvi Bazar

MAULVI BAZAR, Aug 17: The residents of the town here have been plagued with multifarious problems due to lack of civic amenities, reports UNB.

The roads have developed cracks and potholes at many points causing difficulties to pedestrians and movement of vehicles. Waters remain stagnant on the roads even after a slight rainfall.

The narrow roads and lanes are causing much inconvenience for a long time which need immediate expansion.

Besides, drains and roadside ditches are always filled with garbage causing bulk breeding of mosquitoes.

The pourasabha market also is in bad shape. Shops have been built in a haphazard way and due to lack of adequate number of sheds, traders are compelled to carry out their business on the approach road causing inconveniences to both customers and sellers.

Frequent power failure and fluctuation of voltage have been hampering business and industrial production in the town. The entire pourasabha including its busy shopping centres often plunges into darkness after sundown due to erratic power supply giving rise to anti-social activities.

Moreover, floating people respond to the call of nature frequently at the roadside in

the absence of public toilet polluting the atmosphere.

Meanwhile, government employees have been suffering much due to lack of accommodation in the town. No new buildings have been built in proportion with the rising population, it is learnt.

3 killed

Our Correspondent adds: Three persons were killed in Habiganj district in separate incidents recently.

One Andur Miah (30) of village Pantunda under Nabiganj upazila committed suicide. Police recovered his body in hanging position at his house. The reason behind the suicide could not be ascertained.

A hawkster was killed by the dacoits in Chanpur-Noabak area under Sadar upazila of Habiganj district.

According to sources a gang of dacoits attacked the hawkster Abdus Samed (55) and his son. The dacoits stabbed them. Abdus Samed died on the spot and his son was seriously injured. The dacoits also looted goods and money of the hawkster. A case was filed with Habiganj police.

Another reports says: one person was beaten to death by a group of miscreants at Islampur village in Baniachong upazila.

125 criminals held in Mymensingh

From Our BAU Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Aug 17: Kotwali police arrested 125 criminals and rescued four kidnapped persons during recently from different areas of Sadar upazila.

Meanwhile, First Class Magistrate Mr Asak Ali Bhuiyan in a special drive fined 11 persons Taka 8250 for selling meat illegally.

Standing crops on 40,000 acres in 10 upazilas were washed away due to floods and incessant downpour, Agriculture Extension Department sources said.

The affected upazilas are Fulpur, Halaughat, Dhobaura, Trisal, Bhaluka, Gofargaon, Nandail, Fulbaria, Gouripur and Sadar upazilas. Aman, Aus and Jute on about 9000 acres in Fulpur, 8000 acres in Halaughat, 4000 acres in Dhobaura, 2000 acres in Trisal, 1500 acres in Bhaluka, 1500 acres in Gofargaon, 2000 acres in Nandail, 1000 acres in Gouripur, 500 acres in Fulbaria

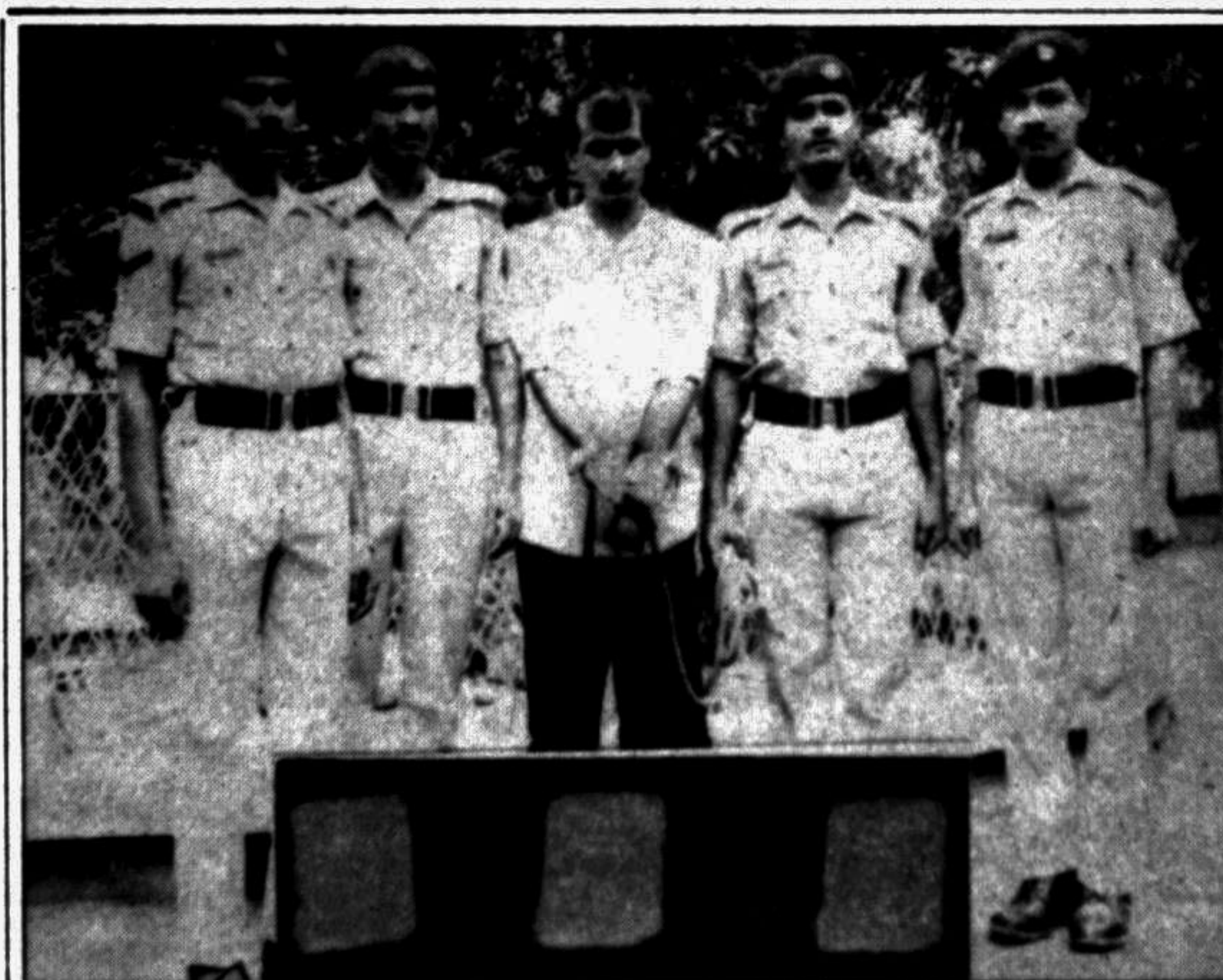
and 9000 acres in Sadar upazila have been washed away by the floods and incessant downpour in the district, it is learnt.

Agriculture Extension Department has taken up 3500 acres under rehabilitation programme, it is learnt.

1552 certificate cases against farmers

NOAKHALI, Aug 17: The district Kishri Bank has filed 1552 certificate cases against defaulter farmers for realisation of Tk 3,99,34,000, official sources said, reports UNB.

The local peasants said they were deprived of fair price of the produce and were not in a position to repay the loan. The cyclone and other natural calamities also caused great loss to the peasants.



CHAPAINAWABGANJ: A gold trafficker Aminul Islam of village Nashipur under Sadar Upazila has been arrested by BDR personnel of 31 battalion with 3 gold bars weighing 30 tolas recently. — Star photo