

Upazila roundup

FARIDPUR

Interest-free loan scheme

Nov 26 : "Songlog-Faridpur," a service-oriented social welfare organisation of the ex-students of Faridpur Zilla School and Faridpur Rajendra College under an interest-free loan scheme distributed rickshaws to poor persons recently, reports BSS.

In a simple function held at local Government Yasin College premises three rickshaws were distributed. The recipients will repay price of the rickshaws in small installments without any interest. Three meritorious students of this district who secured highest marks in the last HSC examination were also awarded Taka 2500 each.

The function was presided over by prominent social worker of the locality Alhaj Ferozer Rahman. Mr Abdur Rahim, Deputy Commissioner of Faridpur and Abdus Sattar, Superintendent of Police, Faridpur attended the function.

The members of "Songlog-Faridpur" collect fund for humanitarian services including interest-free loans to small traders.

JAMALPUR

Relief goods distributed

Nov 26: Jamalpur unit of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society distributed relief articles among the distressed families of 7 upazilas, in the district recently, reports BSS.

The relief articles included wheat and sugar. Red Crescent sources said that two and a half metric tons of wheat, 500 kgs of rice and one and a half metric tons of sugar were distributed in municipality, one metric ton of wheat, 500 kgs of rice and 200 kgs of sugar in Madarjani, one metric ton of wheat, 500 kgs of rice and 200 kgs of sugar in Dewanganj, one metric ton of wheat, one metric ton of rice and 350 kgs of sugar in Islampur, one metric ton of wheat, one metric ton of rice and 200 kgs of sugar in Sarishabari and 2 metric tons of wheat, two and a half metric tons of rice and 2300 kgs of sugar in Sadar upazila.

BARISAL

BAZ potato farming plan

Nov 26 : A total of 4,250 hectares of land will be brought under potato cultivation in eleven southern districts under Barisal Agriculture Zone (BAZ) in the current season, reports BSS.

The districts are : Barisal, Pirojpur, Jhalakati, Bhola, Patuakhali, Barguna, Rajbari, Faridpur, Gopalganj, Madaripur and Shariatpur.

According to an official source, production target of potato has been fixed at 34,450 metric tons in these districts.

Of the total, 550 hectares will be cultivated in Barisal district, 850 hectares in Pirojpur, 100 hectares in Jhalakati, 900 hectares in Bhola, 100 hectares each in Patuakhali and Barguna, 250 hectares each in Rajbari and Madaripur, 400 hectares in Faridpur, 450 hectares in Gopalganj and 300 hectares in Shariatpur districts.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) has taken up a programme to sell seeds, fertilizers, insecticides and other necessary inputs to the farmers for successful implementation of the programme.

SIRAJGANJ

11 die of diarrhoea

Nov 26 : Diarrhoea has claimed 11 lives including two children in Sirajganj upazila of Sirajganj district during the last seven days, according to unofficial sources, reports UNB.

Of the three diarrhoeal deaths reported Saturday by relations, the victims were identified as Romiza (7) of village Abudha, Badal (8) of village Bhataria and Raisuddin (38) of village Jobla.

Other eight, deaths during the week were reported from Matikora, Dubil villages Dengnal, Nalata, Dhongora, Chandakona, Ghorian and Brammagachha villages but they were not identified.

When died contracted, Civil Surgeon Dr Sirajul Islam told UNB that he not have any knowledge about these 11 deaths.

He however said that on an average 50 people are being attacked everyday by the water-borne disease.

A total of 127 medical teams are working in the affected areas to combat the disease, the Civil Surgeon added.

JHENIDAH

One gets life-term for murder

Nov 26 : Asaduzzaman Dabu, a resident of the town was awarded life-term in jail for murdering a local journalist, on Sunday, reports UNB.

Ananda Kumar Biswas was killed on May 2, 1990 in front of his residence at Madanmohanpara in the municipal area in broad daylight.

The punishment also includes a fine of Tk 10,000 or one-year rigorous imprisonment in default.

Additional District Judge Md Mahbubur Rahman gave the verdict.

According to the prosecution, the accused stabbed Ananda to death in front of the victim's residence. Before stabbing, the murderer blamed Ananda why he had not taken his permission prior to construction of his (Ananda's) house.

A case was registered with Jhenidah police in connection with the murder. After investigation, police charged the accused.

NETROKONA

Call to help expand homeo treatment

Nov 26 : The whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Advocate M A Karim on Monday stressed the need for expanding homeopathic treatment to help ensure health for all by the year 2000, reports BSS.

The Whip was addressing the regional conference of the Netrokona District Branch of the Homeopathy Peshajibi Samity Bangladesh as the chief guest. Presided over by Dr Jagadish Chandra Datta, the conference was addressed by former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Fazlul Halim Chowdhury, convener of the Anjibi Samannoy Parishad Shamsul Huq Chowdhury Abu Abbas MP, President of the Samity Dr. M M Hossain, Prof. M M Ali, Deputy Commissioner of Netrokona, A I M A Quasem and S A Akbar.

The Whip urged the Prime Minister to implement the homeo project undertaken by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman in Netrokona.

CHAPAINAWABGANJ

Tk 5.76 crore smuggled goods seized

Nov 26 : Smuggled goods worth over Tk 5.76 crore were seized and 83 alleged smugglers were arrested in the district during the last 10 months, reports UNB.

According to official sources, Bangladesh Rifles men seized smuggled goods worth about Tk 4.28 crore while being smuggled into the country during the period.

Besides, smuggled goods worth about Tk 1.48 crore were seized while being smuggled out of the country.

The smuggled goods included cattleheads, buffaloes, sarees, bicycles, sugar, salt, polyester cloth, soyabean oil, coconut oil, dry-chilli, skin and hides, yarn, copper, cardamom, cinnamon, hilsa fish, heroin etc.

Meanwhile, 1546 cases have been registered with the respective police and customs offices.

JESSORE

Uninterrupted output in mills stressed

Nov 26 : Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Tariqul Islam has called upon the people of all strata to cooperate in uninterrupted re-production in mills and factories through use of indigenous commodities, reports BSS.

He was speaking at two separate public meetings at Lebu Tala High School Maidan and Palbari Morre in Jessore district on Sunday.

The Minister said smuggling was a great obstacle to local industrial growth. He said it was high time to remove this obstacle through massive social movement.

To uphold democratic image relentless efforts should continue for maintaining social discipline and desired development, Mr Islam said. He said, everybody irrespective of opinion should discharge their moral duty and uphold patriotism for the purpose.

The meetings were addressed, among others, by the Deputy of Jessore District BNP Ali Reza Raju, General Secretary Advocate Nazrul Islam and Chairman of Jessore Municipality Advocate Mohammad Ishaque.



When even the slums are overflowing with the unabated influx of rural people into the urban areas, some floating populace find shelter in literally floating houses-boats in Narayanganj. — Star photo

Kushtia shopowners for suspension of drive against contraband goods

KUSHTIA, Nov 26 : The Shopowners Association here has demanded that the government suspend its special drive and operation against contraband goods scheduled to begin from December 17, reports UNB.

At a meeting Friday it said smuggling can be stopped only at the entry points and not by harassing the shopkeepers.

Presided over by Alhaj Moazzem Hossain, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Gazi Habibur Rahman, Murshed Alam Modhu, Jahangir Hossain and Abdur Rahman Khokon.

It demanded that the government should publish the list of smuggled goods as well as the smugglers and award adequate punishment to them.

In a resolution the meeting called upon the government to deploy "honest and sincere officers" in the border areas to

check smuggling.

Speakers at the meeting alleged that small and innocent shopkeepers were being subjected to harassment and termed it a futile exercise in the name of anti-smuggling drive.

On the other hand, they said, such drive would only provide further scope for corruption by the officials.

They urged the government to stop collection of tolls by the miscreants and create congenial atmosphere for carrying on their business.

Death anniversary

A Correspondent from Kushtia adds: The 42nd death anniversary of Munshi Md. Ibrahim Hossain an eminent social worker was observed here on Friday last through discussion meeting and Milad Mahfil at his village home in Hatia 12 miles away from here.

Munshi Ibrahim Hossain was born in 1869 and in the beginning of the 20th century he dedicated himself to various social works including spreading of female education.

He was educated in Kushtia High School and came in contact with noted personalities of his time including Justice Sir Syed Amir Ali, Nawab Syed Nawab Ali Choudhury, Nawab of Dhaka Khawja Ahsanullah, Barrister Abdur Rasul, Sir Surendra Nath Banarjee and Sir Acharya Profulla Chandra Ray.

Among those who participated in discussion are Moulana Abdul Wahab, Moulana Abdul Aziz, Moulana Harun-ur-Rashid, Moulana Khondakar Abdul Kader and Md. Abdur Razzak Mollah, Assistant Director, Islamic Foundation, Kushtia.

The Coordinated Basic Education Project was inaugurated here recently at Sadar Upazila Parishad auditorium in presence of a distinguished gathering. While inaugurating the same as chief guest Project Coordinator Syed Alamgir Faruq Chowdhury said that three crore people were illiterate in the country some 30 years back while this number has been increased to 7 crore.

He said that 40 lakh children are being deprived of basic education where as 50 per cent of the total budget of education sector are being spent in primary education. He emphasised the need of rapid change in the existing educational system and with this end in view we should bring about a revolution in spreading basic education in ever nook and corner of the country, he added.

Notes from Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Nov 26 : Chuadanga thana police arrested 16 mastaans in co-operation with the BDR personnel recently.

It is learnt that three of the arrested mastaans entered forcibly into the house of one Motur Rahman, a BDR Habildar of local Formpara Camp in search of his son Faruk, and one Tista.

The miscreants assaulted the habildar, as they could not trace out Faruk and Tista. The habildar inform the matter to the local BDR camp and Chuadanga thana police on the same day. The police and BDR jointly launched a vigorous drive and arrested 16 mastaans from Chuadanga town.

Smuggled goods seized

In a special raid the BDR personnel of 13 battalion stationed at Chuadanga seized 97 sets of VCP and 480 bundles of polyester cloth worth about Taka 15 lakh from two trucks while being smuggled out to India.

Acting on a secret information, the BDR personnel on patrol duty searched the trucks and seized the items.

It is learnt that while the BDR patrol party was coming back to headquarters at Chuadanga with the seized goods, a gang of miscreants attacked them and tried to snatch away the seized items but the BDR patrol party foiled the attempt.

A Toyota minibus loaded with Indian smuggled goods was seized and three persons were arrested by Jibannagar thana police under Chuadanga district from village Dhipakhali recently.

Death anniversary

The 15 death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani was observed at Chuadanga with due solemnity.

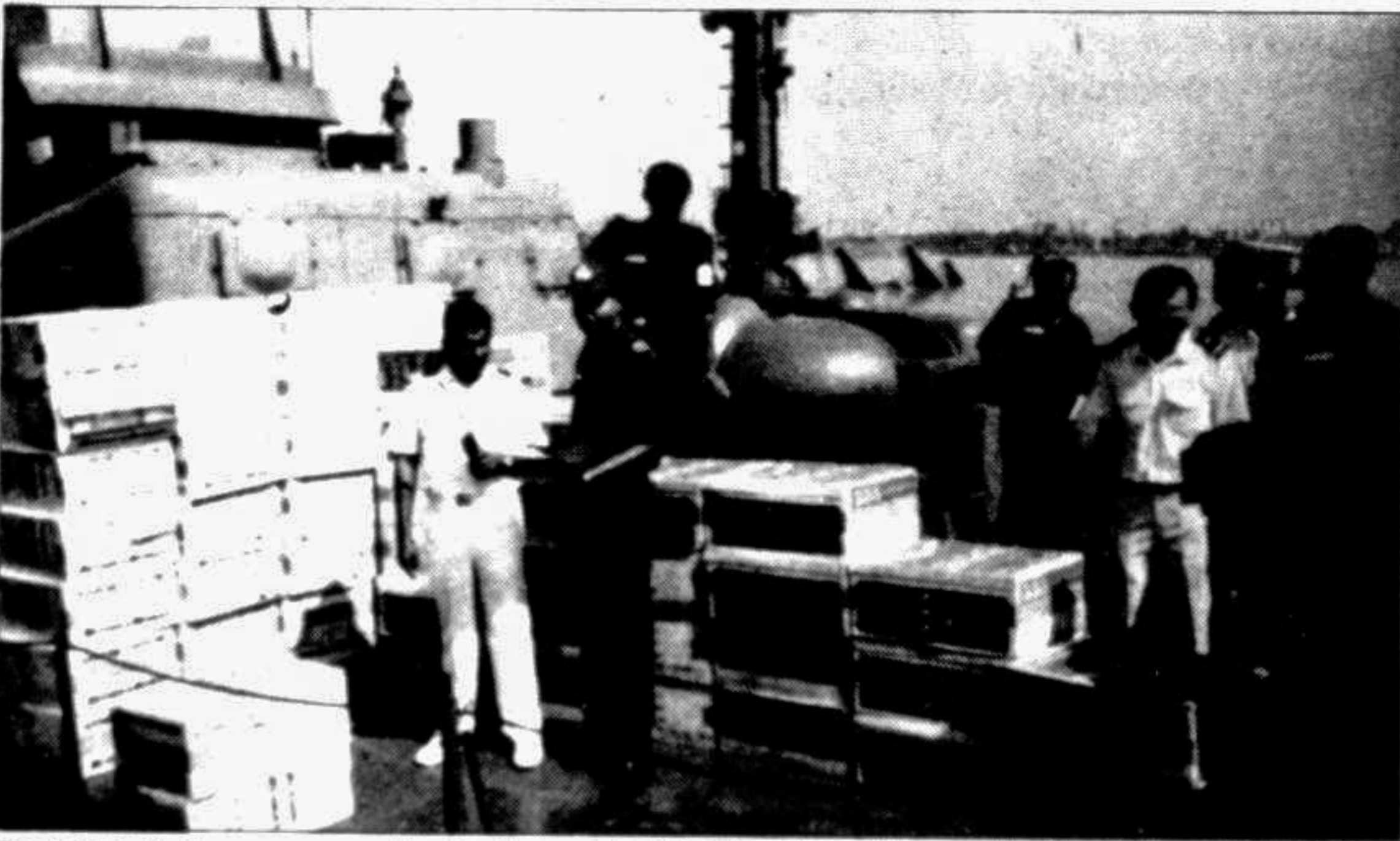
On the occasion a discussion meeting on the life and works of Maulana Bhasani was arranged by the Chuadanga district unit of Bangladesh Workers' Party at its party office recently.

Comrade Babar Ali, a local Workers Party leader presided over the discussion meeting.

Aman paddy

Harvesting of transplanted aman paddy is going on in Chuadanga Sadar, Alamdanga, Damuhuda and Jibannagar upazilas of the district.

This year a total of 68000 acres of land were brought under transplanted aman cultivation in the district of which 65,500 acres under High Yielding Variety (HYV) and the rest 2500 acres under local variety.



Bangladesh Navy personnel seized smuggled foreign cigarettes worth about Taka 67 lakh from a mechanised fishing boat at Kutubdia recently. — Photo ISPR

Problems grip Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Nov 26 : The absence of civic amenities has left about 35000 inhabitants of Cox's Bazar Pourohasava and many tourists to lead a miserable life.

It is learnt that the unplanned drains at Cox's Bazar town remain blocked by filth and garbage due to irregular maintenance. In spite of several complaints eight drains have been constructed without any proper planning during the last 10 years. The garbages of drains emit bad smell which pollutes the total environment.

Only 40 per cent of the roads are puca and in absence of proper repair and maintenance these roads get muddy even after a slight rainfall. Plying of heavy transports is also of the main causes of the damage of the roads, it is reported.

Hundreds of passengers on the busy Chittagong-Teknaf Road have been suffering much due to absence of a bus terminal at Cox's Bazar town. Moreover, the existing number of ticket counters cannot cope with the onrush of the passengers.

The Water Supply Department can hardly meet the demand of only 30 per cent of the population. The personnel of Water Supply Department confirmed the small quantity of water supply and blamed the power supply, department also confirmed irregular supply.

The bazars of the town with inadequate space and other problems are causing much sufferings to the buyers as well as the sellers. The number of public toilets is quite inadequate for which people are bound to defecate in the open.

There are only five primary schools in Cox's Bazar Municipal Area which cannot cope with the growing number of school children.

The residents of the town have not yet been provided with essential urban facilities despite its upgradation in a district eight years back. Some government officials are also facing accommodation problem.

Besides recreation facilities are completely absent in the town. Sports activities are almost rare in the town due to lack of proper initiatives.

The people of the Cox's Bazar town urged the authorities concerned to do the needful in order to redress their sufferings.

Rice and wheat sanctioned under Palli Rationing System are being sold in blackmarkets

in seven upazilas of the Cox's Bazar district, local people alleged.

It is learnt that some dealers of Sadar, Moheshkhali, Ramu, Kutubdia, Ukhyra, Chokaria and Teknaf upazilas are involved in the illegal sale of the food grains.

The government rate of the said rice is Taka 7.34 per kilogram but one kilo of ration rice is sold between Taka 11 and 12 in the open markets.

When contacted, the district officials admitted that they were receiving complaints against the dishonest dealers. Steps are underway in this connection, they added.

Diarrhoea claims 21 in Gowanighat

From A Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 26 : Diarrhoea has claimed 21 lives in Lengura Union Parishad of Gowanighat upazila of the district during the last two weeks.

According to the Chairman of the Union Parishad, the outbreak of the disease has taken a serious turn in the affected areas, due to the absence of necessary measures by the Health Department. As a result, number of the newly attacked persons are increasing everyday, he alleged.

The dead include, 11 village Kauaid, two at Ghoshgan, two at Baleshwar, two at Lauadumka, one at Laukuni, and three at Sharinga and Nankut.

The Chairman of the Union Parishad confirmed the deaths. A medical team went to the affected areas few days back. One person died in presence

of the Civil Surgeon and three officials who went there on getting information, it is alleged.

The local people alleged that, acute scarcity of pure drinking water is the main cause of the outbreak of diarrhoea in the area.

Dacoits loot valuables

A daring dacoity was committed in a house at Chhotia Ajababad of Chhatrak upazila in the night following Sunday last.

According to the report, a gang of dacoits attacked the house of one Mujamill Ali, who lives abroad at about 3 am. They took away valuables worth about Taka 70 thousand from the house, including TV set, ornaments, clothes and money in cash. They also beat the inmates of the house mercilessly.

Anti-socials active at Satkhira bus terminal

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Nov 26 : Satkhira bus terminal has become the central point for floating prostitutes, smugglers, pickpocket and musclemen, the local people alleged.

The anti-social activities are carried before the nose of the terminal authorities and law enforcing authority, it is further alleged. The waiting passengers for different destinations are harassed by the miscreants and prostitutes while pickpocketing has also become a regular feature here.

Some local people alleged that the anti-social elements receive cooperation from the law enforcing agencies.

Female smugglers

The BDR personnel of Satkhira arrested four women smugglers and recovered 35 Indian Silk sarves worth Taka 35,000 from their possession.

It is reported that the smugglers Rahima Khatoon, Rabiya Begum, Aklima Khatoon and Jahanara Khatoon all under Satkhira Sadar upazila were proceeding towards Khulna in a mini bus and when the bus reached the battalion check post, the BDR personnel on duty searched them and recovered the Indian sarves from their possession. They were taken into custody. A case was lodged with the Satkhira police station.

Mini bus owners

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The Annual General Meeting of the Satkhira district Minibus Owners Association was held at the lo-

cal gymnasium auditorium recently. Shaikh Abdus Subhan presided over the function while Abdur Rouf, Kazi Maznu, Hemayetuddin, Amir Ali, Shaikh Nizamuddin and Abul Kashem spoke on the occasion.

In the meeting a 16-members executive committee of the association with Shaikh Abdus Subhan as president and Abdur Rouf as General Secretary was also formed.

An ideal farmer

Asher Ali Mondol, a farmer of village Matukmura under Debhata upazila of the district cultivated a record quantity of different kinds of vegetables in his farm.

It is learnt that Asher Ali cultivated various kinds of vegetables on seven bighas of land spending Taka 10,000 only and he earns nearly Taka two lakh every year from these agricultural products. He produced 4000 cauliflower, 2000 turnips, 7000 brinjal plants, 1000 green chilly plants, 400 radish and huge quantity of papaya in the current season. It is further learnt that each cauliflower weighed about five kilograms, turnip six kilo each, brinjal one forth kilo each, and papaya six kilo each while each green chilly plant produced 1000 chillies each. He exhibited these products at different agricultural fairs of the country and was awarded prizes in cash, power tiller, shallow tubewell and certificates. He was also declared an ideal farmer by President of the country.

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Re-Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide furniture traders/ makers/ contractors for making and supplying almirah and showcase of Police Officers' Mess (as per sample kept at the Officers' Mess) at Dhaka Iskaton Garden Road during 1991-92 financial year. Tenders with earnest money as mentioned in the schedule in favour of Deputy Police Commissioner (Supply), should be dropped in the tender box kept at this office before 12-00 hours on 5-12-91. Tenders will be opened the same day at 12-30 hours before the tenderers (if any) present. This office will reserve the right to accept or reject any tender in part or full without assigning any reason.

Tender schedule containing terms and conditions can be procured from the office of the undersigned on payment of Tk 100/= (One hundred) only (non-refundable) in cash (subject to production of proper evidences) during office hours. No tender schedule will be sold on the date of opening tender.

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International Tender Notice for Export of
Naphtha between 20-23 January, 1992

Ref. No. 25.02/29

November 21, 1991

- I) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) hereby invites offer from reputed buyers for export on FOB Chittagong basis of 150,000 Barrel (plus minus 10 per cent at seller's option) of Naphtha as per terms and conditions set out in tender document.
- II) The lifting of the entire cargo of Naphtha will have to be completed between 20-23 January, 1992.
- III) Tender will be received up to 1200 hours (BST) 02 January, 1992 and opened at 1205 hours (BST) on 02 January, 1992 at the Corporation Head Office at Chittagong in presence of the bidders or their authorised agents who would wish to be present.
- IV) Local Agents of reputed buyers interested in the tender with proper application and due authorisation of principal may collect tender documents on all working days during office hours from (a) the Commercial and Operations Division of the Corporation at its Head Office at HBFC Building, 1/D, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong and (b) Jamuna Oil Company Limited (JOCL) Dhaka Office at 28, New Eskaton Road, Dhaka.
- V) Other terms and conditions will be as per general terms and conditions of export of the Corporation (Ref : No. 25.02 dated 11 May, 1991 enclosed).



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