

Upazila roundup

COMILLA

Five injured in insane person's attack

From Our Correspondent

Apr 15: Five persons were injured, three of them seriously on Saturday at Padurabazar Road by an attack of a shopkeeper.

According to reports, Abdul Malek, a local shopkeeper suddenly got furious and attacked person with dao and injured them.

Out of the injured persons, three have been admitted to Comilla General Hospital and the rest two have been released after first aid.

According to detailed reports, Malek, suddenly got furious and first attacked Doctor Narendra Kishore Dutta with a dao. Three passengers of a taxi were also injured by the attack. Abdul Malek, the shopkeeper after injuring the victims disappeared.

The admitted persons in hospital were identified as "Doctor Narendra Kishore Dutta, Anwar Hossain, Delwar Hossain.

A later report informs that Dr Narendra Kishore has been removed to Dhaka in a serious condition.

It is informed that the attacker Malek is moving at large and is said to be lunatic.

CHUADANGA

Use of drugs increases

From Our Correspondent

Apr 15: Ganja, rectified spirit, drug, alcohol, phensydl and other intoxicating items are widely used by a section of people especially the youths throughout the district.

A large number of people have become addicted and this has vitiated the atmosphere.

It is informed that the drugs and alcohol are openly sold in different markets of the district town and its rural areas.

The addicted persons are seen using different toxic tablets in the absence of ganja and other drugs.

Some dishonest traders are selling the drugs and are realising higher profits. A gang of organised people use to supply the drugs and alcohol which are mainly smuggled into the country.

The concerned authorities have been urged to take steps to stop the use of drugs and alcohol in the district which increases the anti-social activities.

JHENIDAH

Training on pest management

From Our Correspondent

Apr 15: A day-long training programme on integrated pest management of rice was organised by the Agricultural Extension Department (AED) in six upazilas of the district recently.

The upazilas are: Sadar, Shailakupa, Harinakundu, Kaliganj, Kotchandpur and Moheshpur.

The AED organised the training course with a view to impart the farmers training on application of pesticides and conservation of natural enemies of rice pest in the paddy field to boost production.

About 300 farmers 50 from each upazila of the district took part in the training programme.

Nazrul Islam, Deputy Director, AED, Jhenidah and other concerned officials conducted the training programme.

MADARIPUR

Shortage of bullock hits cultivation

From Our Correspondent

Apr 15: Acute shortage of bullock and milch have been prevailing throughout the district hampering cultivation and milk production.

According to reliable sources, 40 to 50 per cent farmers of the district have no bullock to plough lands which adversely affecting the production.

Most of the farmers cultivate their lands on share basis as they can afford to buy bullock. At times, they hire bullock and even use milch cows to plough the lands.

The shortage of bullock and milch cows have been contributed by the various diseases and continuous floods. Lack of medicare facilities in veterinary hospitals also said to be responsible for loss of large number of cattle.

GOPALGANJ

World Heath Day observed

From Our Correspondent

Apr 15: The World Health Day was observed here with a befitting manner.

The programmes of the day include exhibition of children, public procession, seminar and discussion meeting.

The children exhibition was held at the local Nazrul Public Library auditorium in the morning of April 9.

The public procession was brought out from the Civil Surgeon's office at 10 am which was participated by a large number of people.

The discussion meeting on 'heart beat the rhythm of health' was held at the same venue at 11 am.

The discussion meeting was presided over by the Civil Surgeon, Gopalganj.

Akramuzzaman, DC distributed prize among the healthy children.

PABNA

Scarcity of water acute

From Our Correspondent

Apr 15: Scarcity of water especially the drinking water has been prevailing in the district due to prolonged drought and abnormal fall in ground water level.

Most of the tubewells have gone out of order for which the people are to take pond water.

Some people of the area have been suffering from gastro-intestinal problems and stomach ailment as the pond water is not pure.

In Pabna Purashava, there are six deep tubewells and two overhead tanks to supply water to the residents of the poura area. But the present quantity of water supply is quite inadequate with increasing need.

Besides, four of the deep tubewells have gone out of order. Thus drinking water crisis have become very acute.

FARIDPUR

Pests attack paddy on 10,000 acres

From Our Correspondent

Apr 15: The standing IRR-boro paddy on about 10,000 acres of land in five upazilas of the district have been attacked by pest.

About 4,500 hectares of land of IRR-boro in Bhangra upazila have been seriously affected by the pest attack.

The crops on 1000 acres of land in Sadar, 2000 hectares in Sadarpur, 1500 hectares in Alifadanga, 2000 hectares in Nagarkanda upazilas have been attacked by the pests.

The pests locally known as 'Pamripoka and Ladapoka', a kind of brown hoppers attacked the paddy fields in different areas of the district.

SATEKHIRA

Woman trafficker held with young girl

From Our Correspondent

Apr 15: The local police arrested a woman trafficker and rescued a young girl from him near Bhojma border of the district recently.

According to police sources, Malati Rani wife of Narayan Chandra of village Khagrasarak in Bagerhat district was arrested while she was trying to traffic a girl, Kalpana Bala (16) of village Halgati under Moreganj upazila of the same district.

Kalpana informed that Malatintended her out of the house with an offer of lucrative job.

Police on secret information arrested them while they were on way to Bhojma border. Both of them have sent to jail.

NARSINGDI

School boy elopes with girl

From Our Correspondent

Apr 15: Mafuzur Rahman, a student of class ten of Narayanpur High School eloped with Monira Begum, a student of class seven of the same school recently.

It is informed that both of them love each other during the last one year.

Recently, they came to school and fled from there and later Bhatrab Thana police arrested them and sent to Kishoreganj Jail.

The guardian of the girl complained that Monira was abducted from the school at gun point.



RANGPUR: The local Nababganj wholesale market where fire broke out on April 5 and gutted 360 shops. The fire originated from electric short circuit that gutted property worth Taka 50 crore.

Prices of rice, essentials up in Jessore

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Apr 15: The prices of paddy and rice in the markets of the district have marked a sharp rise within a difference of a week.

The paddy is now sells at Taka 330 per maund where as it was Taka 280 a week back. The prices of rice have also jumped up following the paddy price.

The coarse rice is now selling between Taka 13 and 15 per kg while one kg of fine rice is available between Taka 16 and 17.

Markets of Puhahat, Rupdia, Nowapara, Hashimpur, Balher par, Charavita, Navaran, Jhikargacha, Kayemkolia, Baganchara, Chutpur, Dhuliani, Mashila, Purapara, Salwa, Pashapole, Hakimpur, and Chowgacha in the district are on the steady rise.

Sudden rise of paddy price is quite surprising and appears to be mysterious. It is still a month ahead to harvest the IRI and boro paddy. So, the interim period will be more critical for the poor peasants.

The prices of essential commodities are also rising simultaneously. The rise in the prices of salt, sugar, vegetables, fish and meat is remarkable.

Salt is selling at Taka five to six per kg, sugar at Taka 26.

potato at Taka seven, brinjal at Taka four per kg.

A small size hilsa fish is selling at Taka 60 while big size hilsa is out of market. Ruhi is selling at Taka 60 per kg. Chicken (small) is selling at Taka 45 per kg while a standard size at Taka 65. Mutton is selling at Taka 100 per kg while beef at Taka 50.

Due to drought and hot spell, the production of vegetables has largely been affected causing problems to all concerned.

Jute mill faces loss

The Purbachal Jute Mills in Khulna has to suffer a loss of Taka 10 lakh following a rejection of 35 metric tons of sack.

The surveys have rejected 50 rolls of sacks as those are unfit for export and consequently the production will be useless.

It is learnt that the mill Manager in a circular under memo number PJM/LAB-92/11/4358 dated March 21 last, addressed to the CBA and other departmental heads, clearly informed that the decision was taken by the concerned authority on March 4 last banning it from export on the ground of technical faults including that of knitting. The mill is now under the

grip of acute financial crisis. If the mill can not produce quality sacks and fail to earn through export, the authority will not be able to pay the salary of the existing staff and officers.

It can be mentioned here that the mill had been running at loss for some time past. If this situation is allowed to continue, the mill will be soon closed down.

Madaripur

Our correspondent from Madaripur reports: The prices of different varieties of rice have recorded sharp rise in the markets of the district during the last five days.

It is learnt inadequate supply was the main cause of the price rise.

The coarse rice is now being sold between Taka 14 and Taka 15 where as the price of this quality was Taka 11 per kg few days back.

The poor people and fixed income group people are the worst hit by the price rise.

The local people apprehend that the price is likely to rise further as the IRI-boro harvest is yet to begin.

The government have been urged to supply rice and wheat for open sale in the markets.

Help remove problems of modernised hospital

COMILLA, Apr 15: The 250-bed modernised hospital inaugurated here in January last has yet to start functioning fully for some administrative bottlenecks, reports UNB.

So far only 40 beds have been occupied. Patients do not report here due to lack of confidence on services rendered at the hospital, informed sources said.

Emergency care is particularly absent as the doctors and staff on emergency duties are not available in time as they stay far away from the hospital. Residential quarters for the emergency staff within the hospital compound is yet to be built.

The flow of out-door patients, however, rose to 250 a day on an average but the patients alleged that the services are quite unsatisfactory.

Local elite said the major administrative set-back was due to absence of a regular hospital Superintendent to supervise 47 physicians, 28 nurses and 122 third and fourth class employees of the hospital.



Chapanaabaganj: The open unshed room in local Santibag residential area is the morgue of the district. No step has yet been taken to shift it after repeated appeals.

Across the country

A dream lost in a mirage

By Nazim Mahmud

He was no artist by profession. With a brush in hand he never sat in a studio before a canvas against an easel.

But his canvas was as wide and as long as the small town of Khulna half a century back. To build the town into a modern, neat and healthy place like a painting on a wall was his dream. It was his life. He also thought of the hygienic treatment of drinking water and the supply of electricity for the dwellers of his town.

This Prometheus of Khulna brought electric light to the town and the office of the Bengal Electric Company was set up in the northern block on the ground floor of his own big residence on Sarada Babu Road (now called Ahsan Ahmed Road).

For the supply of pure drinking water a tank with a multi-purpose scheme was excavated in the heart of the town. It was in fact a reservoir of river water for mechanical treatment before its house-to-house supply through a network of pipelines.

On the western side of the tank a park was planned with fixed benches strewn all about it and an emergency shed was built in the middle, on the roof-top of which a public radio-speaker was installed for

listeners thronging the place in the evening, since a few could have personal radio sets in those days.

The heaps of the earth dug out of the tank soon got the pleasant shape of an artificial hillock on the eastern side. Stone boulders were land-scaped over the hillock and water pipe was fitted in a way to give the look of a stream overflowing.

On the hillock-top a circular pucca bench was built with a round dome-like canopy overhead. This place was called 'Ladies Park'. Like the mole on the face of the beloved for which Poet Hafiz could barter away cities like Samarkand and Bukhara, this park was the beauty spot of the town.

All strangers fell in love with it at the first sight. The park was indeed a bright testimony to the refined taste of the city father.

In the late forties the sub-continent fell asunder. The artist, the architect, the father of modernisation of the town of Khulna, the Zindar of Rupsa-Nahatt, Roy Bahadur Mahendra Kumar Ghosh who headed the municipality for two decades without a break, was unseated through a sinister clique and was forced to

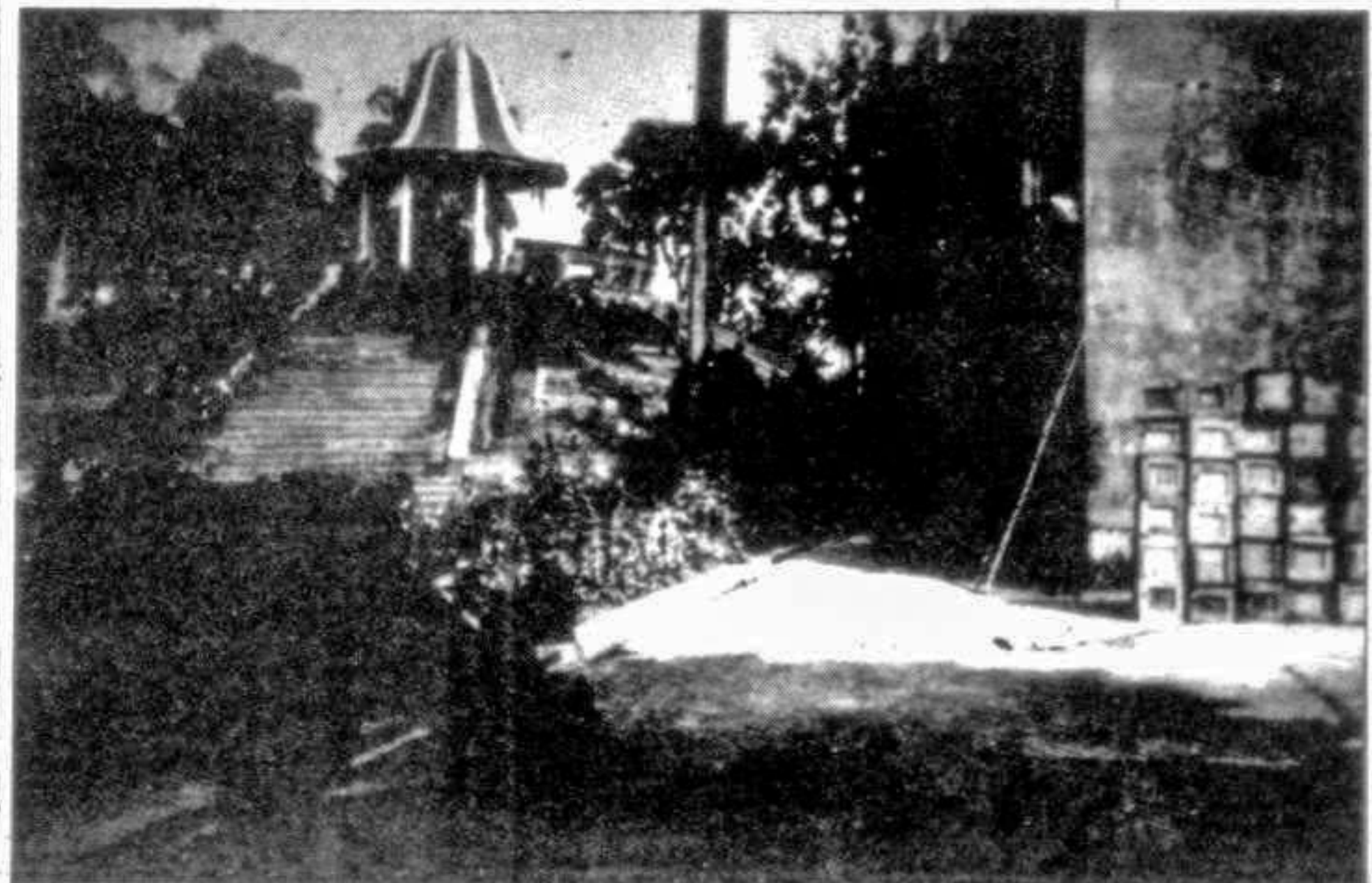
leave the country.

The Calcutta Corporation, however, was keen to get him as an adviser for building new townships for handling the influx of population from across the eastern border. On the other hand, what an irony here indeed! No road, no park, not even a culvert in Khulna bears the name of the ordinary looking man with such extraordinary imagination and refinement — the man who dreamt of this town and realised it too.

Soon after Pakistan came into existence, this beauty spot of Khulna was wantonly desartified. State Bank Buildings were erected within the precincts in close proximity. No longer the park was an open-to-all place for leisurely tryst with nature. For all these constructions around, the artificial hillock now looks like an ugly summer boil behind the Bangladesh Bank.

The architects behind all the constructions spoiling such a heavenly spot would have been hanged in the event of a similar construction anywhere in the civilised world.

But here nothing happened at all. It needs no explanation why.



The Khulna Ladies Park was the spot for a life-giving and leisurely tryst with nature. It is now in a sad plight with careless ugly construction strangulating it.

UPEP faces setback

PANCHAGARH, Apr 15: The Universal Primary Education Programme (UPEP) has been facing serious setback in greater Dinajpur district, reports UNB.

According to Primary Education Department there are 1555 government and 255 non-government primary schools in three districts of Greater Dinajpur.

The total number of primary school children in 23 upazilas of Panchagarh, Thakurgaon and Dinajpur is 10,97,064.

Dilapidated condition of most of the school buildings, inadequate of furniture and shortage of teachers are learnt to be the main causes hampering the programme in these districts.

Besides, abnormal high prices of papers and other educational ingredients, financial crisis and other social factors are also hindering the children from the opportunity of getting universal primary education.

Most of the primary schools damaged by floods, storms and cyclones over the last few years have not yet been repaired.

The education of the children are also being hampered due to shortage of benches,

accommodation and other appliances. A large number of students have already left the schools.

Moreover, cracks have developed on roofs of many old school buildings in the absence of maintenance and repair works. The situation worsens during the rainy season. In

many places classes are being held under the sky much to the inconveniences of teachers and students.

Most of the schools lack water supply system and students are compelled to take impure water from nearby ponds and canals.



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