Notes from

Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

about Taka 10 lakh were gut-

ted in a devastating fire at

Ghenaigati area of the district

Another report adds: At

least 19 dwelling houses were

gutted recently at Kandua Kali

Bari. Two goat and some birds

One Abdur Rahman (18),

It is learnt that the victim

son of Serajuddin of village

Mohanpur under Sadar upazila

was electrocuted while he was

going to operate shallow ma-

chine for irrigation. He died on

Girl violated

One Alaka Rani (15), daugh-

ter of Nantu Shil of village

Kaibadpara under Dewanganj

upazila was violated by her

It is learnt that one Babul

was the lover of Alaka Rani. His

friend Mozammel Haque and

accomplices took the victim

near a sugarcane field at the

dagger point and raped her

Later, the father of the vic-

A case has been lodged with

were also roasted alive.

One electrocuted

was electrocuted recently.

Jamalpur Sadar Thana.

lover's friends recently.

one after another.

recently.

the spot.

May 11: Property worth

Upazila roundup

KISHOREGANJ

Bamboo output on decrease

From Our Correspondent

May 11: The production of bamboo in 13 upazilas of the district is declining fast due to lack of proper maintenance and nursing of bamboo clusters and absence of planned plantation programme.

Bamboo clusters are on 4,000 acres of land of the district which are on decay in large-scale.

Due to prevailing scarcity, the prices of bamboo have increased several times causing untold sufferings to the poor customers.

No steps has yet been taken to increase the bamboo production in the area. If proper nursing and training are given to the growers, the production will be increased to a great extent, exports opined.

Meanwhile, repair and reconstruction of kuncha houses in the rural areas are being hampered for want of bamboos. It can be mentioned here that about 75 per cent of houses in the rural areas are kuncha.

MAULVIBAZAR

Uncle beaten to death by nephew

From Our Correspondent

May 11: One Biamuddin (65) of village Bausa under Nabiganj upazila of Habiganj district was beaten to death buy his nephew, Abdul Kadir (35) at their village home recently.

It is reported that there was enmity between them over a family dispute. Kadir beat his uncle mercilessly and Biam died on way to hospital.

A murder case has been registered with the Nabiganj Police Station and killer Kadir remained absconding since the incident.

The government has sanctioned 180 tons of wheat for completion of Food for Works Programme works. The works include repair and reconstruction of flood control embankment, which was damaged by the last flood.

According to official source, 130 tons of wheat was sanctioned for repair and reconstruction of Monu River Embankment and the rest 50 tons for the Kushiara River Embankment.

MADARIPUR

Power supply irregular

From Our Correspondent May 11: Power fatlure has become a regular feature in the district town recently.

The power fatls at least for five to six times a day and the disruption continues for more than one hour, it is complained.

It can be mentioned here that power failure occurs maximum at day time and the voltage fluctuates very often. The power consumers in the town informed that the electric goods become out of order frequently.

The owners of mills, factories and shops are the worst sufferers. The frequent power failure decreases the supply of rice and ata in the local markets and as a result the price

The people of the town have urged the concerned authorities to take steps to miti-

gate the suffering. Property worth Taka one

lakh were gutted in a fire at the local Puranbazar recently. According to reports, the fire originated from short circuit, and it spreaded to nearby

The Fire Service personnel rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire. Five persons were injured while they were

NOAKHALI

Students want academic facilities

trying to control the fire.

May 11: The students of to the city dwellers. Agriculture Training Institute have demanded introduction of academic facilities similar to those of the other institutes of

the country, reports UNB. They boycotted classes, brought out a procession and submitted a memorandum to the authorities recently.

The demands included: registration, issuing of certificate after finishing the final examination and field training after completion of the course.

A meeting held at the local press club urged the authorities to provide them all the facilities like students of other

diploma courses. Diploma course was introduced in the institute in 1989. A total of 217 students are now studying in the institute.

FENI

55 Indian cattle seized

May 11: The law enforcing agency personnel in a raid recently seized 55 Indian cattle from Kazirbag Area near here, reports BSS.

According to an official source, the value of the cattle was estimated at Taka 2,11,000

In another raid the law enforcing agency people seized various smuggled goods including sarees, bicycles, sugar and medicines worth about Taka 2,20,000 from different border areas of Feni.

Two persons were arrested in connection with the smuggling and cases were registered against them.

SIRAJGANJ

4 get life-term for murder

May 11: The District and Session Judge recently gave life-term imprisonment to four accused persons for killing a villager in Masikandi of Ullapara upazila of the district, reports UNB.

The prosecution in brief was that the accused Abul Hossain Mondal, Shah Jalal Mondal, Shahed Mondal and Bablu Mondal on June 6 in 1990 accompanied by others, called out Belal Hossain from his house and struck him with lethal weapons

Severely injured Belal was admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital where he died on June 23, 1990.

The victim's brother lodged a case with the police against four persons.

After examining the witnesses and records the judge sentenced them life-term imprisonment.

COMILLA

One killed, 20 hurt in road accidents

May 11: A man was killed and 20 others were injured in two road accidents in the district recently, reports UNB.

A pedestrian, Sultan Mia died on the spot when he was hit by a microbus at Kangshanagar on Comilla-Sylhet Highway. The driver managed to escape with the vehicle.

Agitated people raised barricade on the road after the accident, suspending vehicular movement for about four hours.

in another mishap, 20 people are were injured when an over-loaded bus plunged into a roadside ditch at Shilmuri on Barura-Comilla Road. The mishap occurred when the driver lost its con-

Two cases were filed with the police.

KUSHTIA

Implementation of jalmahal project begins

May 11: Work has begun on the implementation of the Kaliganga Badalbasha Jalmahal Project in Kumarkhali upazila, reports UNB.

The Jalmahal spreading over 66 acres of waterbody will be shared by 74 poor fishermen. The income of the project will be distributed equally among the participants.

The project first of its kind is being implemented jointly by Directorate of Fisheries and Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC).

The BRAC had been entrusted with the responsibility of mobilising the fishermen in collaboration with district and upazila level fisheries.

Deputy Commissioner, Syed Haftz Ahmed inaugurated the work recently.

Rajshahi

Mushroom growth of welding shops

From Our Correspondent

May 11: The mushroom growth of welding shops beside the busy roads and resi dential areas of the city has been posing serious health hazards and various problems

Over 100 welding shops have been set up beside the main city roads and residential areas especially along the Talaimari, Kajla, Luxmipur, Kazihata, Sapura and Greater Road areas causing much inconveniences to the vehicular

Residents of the areas complained that most of the inhabitants including children and students have been suffering from various diseases like eye complications due to the ill affects of the rays from the welding shops.

traffic and pedestrians.

Local people urged the concerned authorities to take immediate steps against the illegal welding shops for the wellbeing of the residents of the city town.



awarded for his satisfactory performances at the 'Farm Day' function held at Burirhat Tobacoo Research Centre recently. - Star photo

Victim of natural calamities

Debt-ridden farmers seek

economic assistance

From Our Correspondent

maund to maintain their fami-

prevailing situation, the money

lenders are doing brisk busi-

ness by giving loans at higher

people who have no work have

been passing days in half-fed

condition. They are compelled

to sell their pet animals and

utensils for mere survival. It is

learnt that the prices of bul-

lock have fallen drastically and

about 50 per cent of the farm-

ers have in the meantime sold

The condition of sugarcane

growers is more deplorable as

they have incurred heavy

losses this year due to market-

ing facilities. About 50 per

cent of the sugarcane pro-

duced in the district were de-

stroyed in the fields as the

who earn their livelihood by

selling sweet potato are selling

the same at Taka 50 per

maund. The production is also

very low this year because of

and rivers have either silted up

or dried up causing havor to

the pisciculture. At a result, a

large number of fisherman

have become unemployed and

have been passing unhuman

Most of the beels, ponds

the continuous drought.

The farmers of char areas

farmers failed to sell these.

their domestic animals.

A large number of landless

rate of interest.

Taking the advantage of the

Take maize to reduce pressure on rice'

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, May 11: "Farm Day" was observed at Burirhat Tobacco Research Centre in to encourage the cultivation of maize in the district.

The main slogan of the day was "We will take maize to reduce pressure on rice."

The high officials of the Agriculture Extension Depart ment were present and took part in the discussion.

S B Sarker, Additional Director of Rangpur Zone, AED was the chief guest while Dr Md Helaluzzaman, Chief Scientific Officer and departmental heads of the Agriculture Research Institute attended as it special guests.

The function was presided by Rahul Amin Sarker, Chief Scientific officer of Burirhat

The speakers at the func-

zone participated in it.

The field level officials of the Agriculture Extension Department of 58 upazilas of the zone were rewarded for their achievement

A devastating fire at Haque were roasted alive.

tion called for massive cultivation of maize all over the northern zone to change food habit and opined that its largescale cultivation would surely reduce pressure on rice and the fodder scarcity will also be

Over two hundred farmers from different areas of the

Bazar in Haragach Bandar left 45 houses gutted while large number of domestic cattle

Housing problem acute at Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, May 11: been increased and as a result acute in the district town as new houses have not been constructed with the increase of population.

The population of the district town is now over 75,000 which was much lower before few years back. But with the increase of population, new houses and office building were not constructed due to high prices of land and construction materials.

After the upgradation of the town as district, the number of offices and other institutions has increased but the accom modation facilities have not

Sharbahara activist's eyes gouged

BARISAL, May 11: Agitated people assaulted in outlawed Sharbahara activist and gouged his eyes out at Jugirkanda launch station in Uzirpur upazila here recently, reports

The victim identified as Manir Alias Selim (25) who recently surrendered to the authorities was attacked by the mob when he reached the launch station for coming to

He was a member of Kamrul group of the outlawed Sharbahara Party.

Later, he was admitted to Barisal Medical College Hos pital where his condition was stated to be critical.

NAOGAON, May 11: Female

education is being hampered

greatly into the town here due

to shortage of residential facili-

ties in the girls' schools and

There are two government

college in the town including a

girls' college, one private col-

lege, one government and

three private girls high

schools. There is only one gov-

ernment girls' college hostel

in the town which can hardly

accommodate a good number

rural and urban areas have al-

ready left the institutions due

that after repeated appeal to

the district administration no

step has yet been taken to

butld more hostels for the girl

of the country are suffering

greatly due to absence of any

medical post graduate institute

and hospital for the disabled

facilities they are forced to

rush to the capital for better

treatment. But due to financial

stringency, poor patients can-

not afford to go to Dhaka for

children and disabled people

die every year due to lack of

treatment facilities, it is learnt.

the authorities to set up a

medical Post-Graduate Insti-

tute, one Pangu and Child

Hospital at Rajshahi for better

treatment facilities in the re-

Transport problem

says: Girl students in the town

have been facing a lot of incon-

transport facilities for them.

tions regularly.

ventences in the absence of

A report from Madaripur

Local leaders have urged

As a result, a number of

Absence of better medicare

People of northern region

lack of residential facilities.

But many girl students of

Many guardians complained

colleges, reports UNB.

of students.

students.

and children.

the purpose.

facilities hampers

female education

Housing problem has become the government officials, teachers, businessmen and students are to suffer a lot of inconveniences.

No initiative either from government or from the private side was taken up solve the problem.

Being a district, the importance of the town has increased several times but in the absence of new houses, the pressure on old ones is very

Taking the advantage, the house owners are taking excessive house rent from the tenants. The poor and the fixed income group people are to expend the major portion of their income in this purpose.

The local government girls' high school and other institutions have no residential accommodation for the students.

Due to the shortage of residential houses, many employees of government, autonomous and private offices are to keep their families at their village homes which causes much hardships.

Social workers of the area expressed that both the government and private sectors should come forward to solve the housing problem of the town. The government should make the loan procedure easier to facilitate the new house construction in the town, the opined. House building materials should also be supplied at a comparative cheaper rate to encourage the construction of houses, they

busy roads braving traffic jam

and speedy movement of vehi-

and trucks and a large number

of rickshaws also create prob-

lems causing delay in reaching

their institutions. But the

poura authority has failed to

take any effective measure to

ease the transport problems

and arrange transport facilities

dents who walk to their re-

spective institutions often fall

victims of eve teasers, it is al-

Moreover, many girl stu-

for girl students.

leged

Reckless driving of buses

BNP unit committee formed The biennial conference of

Hall recently. convenor of district unit of BNP presided over the confer-

Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar attended it as chief guest. Labour and Man Power Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and Md Serajul Haque,

Family Welfare were also present in the conference as special guests. The conference was ad dressed among others by Rahima Khondakar MP Mahbubur Rahman, Advocate Abdul Khaleque, Advocate Asraf Hossain, Hasanuzzaman Tal-

Sultan, Taposh Pathan, Khandakar Ilias Mortaza, Shohidul Haque Khan Dulal, Sultan Mahmood Babu and Abdul Aziz. Later, a 71-member executive committee of Jamalpur district unit of BNP was elected in the conference with

The district authorities

Official sources said leasholders of 40 ferryghats did

Police said leases of Nandina and Pijiarchar ferryghats have been arrested.

The guardians have urged the authorities to arrange transport facilities for the girl student of the town and its

Photographer commits suicide in Faridpur

FARIDPUR, May 11: One Mihir Mondol (28) allegedly committed suicide by taking sleeping pill at a local residential hotel here, reports BSS,

According to a local police source, Mihir Mondol of Rajoir upazila, a photographer and owner of a photo studio came to this town on April 28 and took accommodation at the hotel. The following night he closed the door of his single bed room. After about twentyfour hours when he did not open the door of his room.

Indian Dalal Protirodh unit committee formed

JHALAKATHI, May 11: A unit of "Indian Dalal Protirodh Committee" has been formed in Nalchiti upazila of the district, reports UNB.

There are four girls high The 25-member committee schools and one girls college was formed in a meeting at the in the town. About 3,000 girl Nalchiti Central Jame Mosque students of the town and its recently with Akbar Ali suburbs attend these institu-Talukder in the chair. Akhtar Hossain Badal and Saidur They come to their respec-Rahman Kabir were selected as tive educational institutions on its Convenor and Joint foot after crossing a number of Convenor

tim rushed to the spot and rescued his daughter in an unconscious state.

Alaka Rani had been admit ted to the Dewanganj Health Complex. A case has been registered with Dewangani police station in this connection. No arrest has yet been made.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) was held here at Public S M Khairul Bashar Chisty.

ence while LGRD Minister

State Minister for Health and

ukdar, Mozammel Hossain Talukdar, Jahangir Alam, Shafiul Alam Khaja, Abdus Samad

S M Khairul Bashar Chisty and Mahbubur Rahman Ansary as President and General Secretary respectively.

Cases against ferryghat leasers

have lodge cases against the leases of different ferryghats to realist rents amounting to Taka seven lakh.

not pay their rents despite repeated notice for the payment of their dues.

School development schemes taken up Dewanganj upazila authority

will take up five schemes for the development of educational institutions at a cost Taka 8,70,000 in the current financial year. Official sources said that the

two primary schools at a cost Taka 7,80,000 and repairing of three schools at a cost of Taka 90,000. Work on the project will

projects are reconstruction of

start soon and is expected to be completed by the end of

Course for family planning volunteers

concludes

PATUAKHALI, May 11: A 4day training course for family planning volunteers has concluded here, reports UNB.

About 50 volunteers from different organisations participated in the training course conducted by the local branch of the Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) recently.

Two trainers from head office of FPAB conducted the course. The training programme

covered various aspects of modern family planning with special reference to birth control, child health, nutrition, immunization programme, food, environmental influence on family planning, socio-economic aspect of family planning and maintenance of statistics of family planning.

Treatment facilities in hospital Shortage of residential inadequate From Our Correspondent

RAJBARI, May 11: Shortage of doctors, medicines, beds and equipment have been hampering proper treatment

JAMALPUR, May 11: The

economic condition of rural

people of the district has be-

come worse due to poor crop

production for the last few

years. The want of employment

opportunity in the absence of

any industry in the area has

trict has decreased because of

want of requisite seeds, fertil-

izers, irrigation. The small and

marginal farmers who consti-

tute about 85 per cent of the

total population of the district

are unable to cultivate their

lands properly for want of

ties like flood, cyclone,

drought, excessive rainfall and

pest attack are damaging crops

almost every year leaving them

The total population of the

district is about 18 lakh of

which five per cent are en-

gaged in business and services.

The other 95 per cent are to

depend on agriculture. The

poor people who live on culti-

vation are bound to sell their

products at nominal prices to

repay the loans they borrow

A survey conducted recently

from the local money lenders.

reveals that over 65 per cent

are of village people live below

the poverty line and are to sell

out their hard earned produce,

paddy and wheat in advance at

Taka 80 to Taka 100 per

Besides, the natural calami-

requisite funds.

in distress.

Crop production in the dis-

added the miseries further.

of the patients at the modern hospital of the town for long. A large number of patients both male and female who come from remote areas of the district return back without proper treatment for want of requisite medicines. Even the admitted patients of the hospital are to buy medicines from out side at an exorbitant price. The poor patients are the

worst sufferers. According to hospital sources, the medicines and other equipment supplied by the government are quite inadequate to meet the increasing

demand of the patients. Some patients complained that a group of dishonest staff of the hospital use to supply medicines for payment of money. The staff also sell the

medicines to the owners of local pharmacies, it is informed The existing 50-bed hospital can not cope with the rising number of patients. Due to inadequate number of beds, a good number of patients have

taken their seats on the floors. According to hospital sourees, the patients are to suffer much for want of orthopedic and child specialists. It can be mentioned here that cases of accidents and clashes are increasing day by day but the

treatment facility is meagre. Some posts of doctors are lying vacant for long for which

the patients are suffering. The only ambulance is hardly available. It is reported that most of the time the am

bulance remain out of order for which the carrying of serious patients becomes difficult. The old hospital building is in a pitiable condition. Rain

water leaks through the doors

and windows.

The people of the district have urged concerned authorities to take immediate steps to mitigate the sufferings of the patients.

The government sanctioned

huge quantity of wheat to im-

plement the projects under

Food for Works Programme

and to extend employment

opportunities to the rural peo-

ple. But large-scale irregulari-

ties have been creating prob-

The villagers are selling

their poultry birds and other

movable property to meet

their daily necessities. The

price of land has fallen for

able in the market are ill

equipped which increases the

production cost of the farmers,

agriculture experts said. On

the otherhand, the farmers in-

cur losses as the prices of dif-

ferent crops remain the same.

that there is no quality control

system to ensure the availabil-

elopment Corporation (BADC)

earlier was the sole distributor

of irrigation equipment. The

authority used to test the

equipment through Bangladesh

Engineering University and

consequently the below stan-

dard equipment were rejec-

control the quality of the

equipment for which below

quality equipment have flooded

the markets.

At present, there is none to

ted, a BADC source informed.

ity of standard equipment.

A reliable source informed

Bangladesh Agriculture Dev-

The pump machines avail-

want of purchasers.

lems to materialise the plan.

Non-payment of dowry polygamy and immoral activities have severed more than 22,000 marriages in four upazilas of the district during

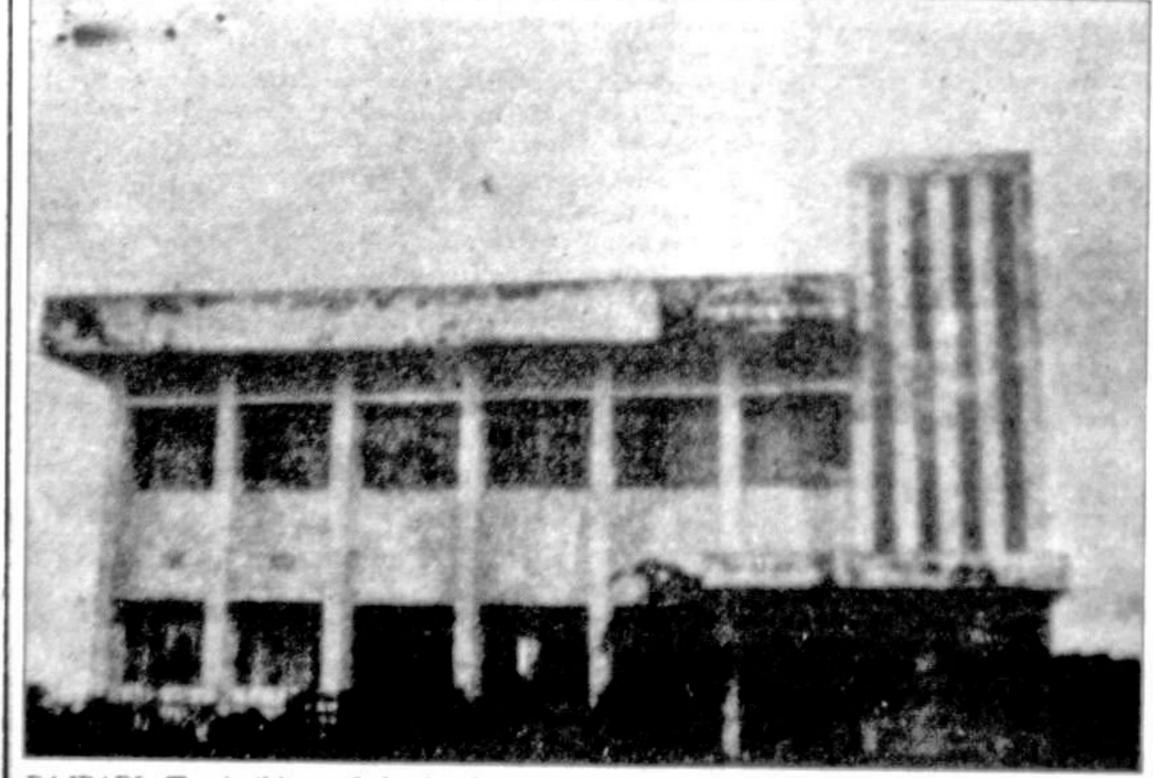
Property worth Tk 30 lakh gutted

the last three years.

NAOGAON, May 11 Property worth about Taka 30 lakh was gutted in a devastating fire at village Manasi in Patnitala upazila of the district

recently, reports UNB. The fire originated from a kitchen and soon engulfed the adjoining areas and burnt 90 houses to ashes rendering 400

people shelterless.



RAJBARI: The building of the local general hospital is being used for the residential purpose of fourth class employees. Star photo