

## Upazila roundup

### AGRI-VARSITY

#### Miscreants kill confectionery employee

**From Our Correspondent**  
May 17: Miscreants killed one Runu Pal (30), a confectionery employee at Ganginarpar of the town recently.

It is learnt that on the day of incident, some miscreants called the victim from Tip Top Confectionery and attacked him by sharp weapons. As a result, he died on the spot.

A case has been registered with the police in this connection.

Another report adds: Trishal thana police recovered one 303 rifle and 80 rounds of bullets from village Bhatfada-shpara under Trishal Upazila. None has been arrested in this regard.

### RAJBARI

#### 800 shallow tubewells inoperative

**From Our Correspondent**  
May 17: About 800 shallow and deep tubewells have been lying inoperative due to abnormal fall in the subsoil water level.

According to Public Health Engineering Department, water level in Goalundo, Ballakandi, Pangs and Sadar Upazila went down by 30 to 40 feet.

Officials apprehend that almost all the tubewells of the district will become out of order if the water level go down further.

The BADC sources said, about 35 per cent tubewells used for irrigation in four upazilas of the district have already gone out of order.

Another report adds: A man and woman were killed on the spot and another four people sustained injuries when a group of bandits opened fire on their way to Damuda village under Pangs Upazila late Tuesday night.

### MADARIPUR

#### Dishonest traders use old system of weights

**From Our Correspondent**  
May 17: Dishonest traders have been cheating customers in the markets here by using old system of weights for selling paddy, rice, chilli, pulse and other grocery items.

It is informed that an organised group allegedly use weights made of stones below the standard measure.

Shop-keepers and grocers who keep those weights supply less than the standard weight cheating the buyers by a substantial margin, some customers alleged.

They urged the concerned authorities to take steps to check the malpractice.

### SATKHIRA

#### Five killed by Royal Bengal Tiger

**From Our Correspondent**  
May 17: Five persons were killed by the Royal Bengal Tiger in the Sunderbans during the last two weeks.

It is learnt that one Sekandar Sana (35) and Alauddin Gazi (62), of village Jotindra Nagar, Shahidur Shaikh (32) of Munshiganj under Shyamnagar Upazila while catching fish in the rivers of the Sunderbans, the Royal Bengal Tiger attacked and killed them.

When contacted Abul Basar, Chairman of Munshiganj Union Parishad confirmed the deaths.

Another report adds: Diarrhoea claimed two lives in two upazilas of the district recently.

It is reported that one Farida Khatun (5), daughter of Abdul Karim of Munshiganj under Satkhira Sadar Upazila and Belal (2), son of Sadek Ali of village Kushadanga under Kalaroa Upazila attacked by diarrhoea and later died of the disease.

### BRAHMANBARIA

#### Painting contest held

May 17: A children painting competition was held here at the local Shishu Academy premises under the auspices of Shishu Naytan recently on the completion of 40 years of language movement, reports UNB.

More than 100 children of different institutes took part in the competition, the sources added.

### MAULVIBAZAR

#### Two convicts nabbed

**From Our Correspondent**  
May 17: Sreemongal police of the district arrested two convicts from Sreemongal town, recently.

According to police, arrested convicts are Saban Ali, son of late Amir Hussain of Satgaon village under Sreemongal upazila and another Selim, son of Abdus Sattar of Chunarughat upazila were sentenced to RI for two years.

Police said, Saban Ali was arrested from Montipuri slum area and Selim from College Road area of Sreemongal town.

A meeting of businessman was held here recently to form a committee for Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Maulvibazar.

Syed Shahabuddin Ahmed presided over the meeting. The meeting was addressed among others by Col (Retd) M A Matin, Sonawar Ali Chowdhury and Abdul Wadud.

A 24 member committee was formed in the meeting for Maulvibazar Chamber with Syed Shahabuddin Ahmed as Convener.

### SYLHET

#### Young girl commits suicide

**From Our Correspondent**  
May 17: A young girl, Marzia (16), committed suicide at village Basantapur under Fatehpur Union of Biswambharpur Upazila under Sunamganj district recently.

According to the reports, on the day of incident, the victim committed suicide by hanging herself with the roof of the house. On getting information, a police party from the Biswambharpur PS went to the spot and took the body and sent it to the Sunamganj Sadar Hospital for post-mortem.

A case of unnatural death had been registered with the Biswambharpur PS. The cause of the suicide could not be ascertained immediately after the incident.

Another report adds: Local people caught two thieves red handed and recovered stolen wires of T&T from South Surma recently.

A case in this connection had already been registered with the police.

### MANIKGANJ

#### Awami League unit committee formed

**From Our Correspondent**  
May 17: The biennial conference of Bangladesh Awami League of Manikganj district unit was held here at local Government Boys' High School ground recently.

The Presidium Members of Awami League, Dr. Kamal Hossain, Abdul Mannan and Secretary General Sajeda Chowdhury attended the conference as chief guest.

The conference was presided over by Moslemuddin Khan Habu, President of Awami League district unit.

The conference was addressed among others by Mafizul Islam Khan Kamal, Shamsuddoha Khan Mazlish, Gazi Habibur Rahman, Advocate Abdul Mazid Foto and Afzar Ali.

Later, a 51-member executive committee was formed with Moslemuddin Khan Habu and Golam Mohiuddin as President and General Secretary respectively.

### KISHOREGANJ

#### Hats, bazars beset with problems

**From Our Correspondent**  
May 17: Hats and bazars of all 13 upazilas of the district are in pitiable condition causing great inconveniences to both the buyers and sellers.

Shopkeepers said, most of the hats and bazars have bad drainage system and the situation become worse during the rainy season. Absence of public toilets in the rural hats and bazars had been causing immense problems to the people.

Moreover, filths and garbage are being dumped in the bazar areas emitting bad odour and helping bulk breeding of mosquitoes.

Shops built in the bazars in a haphazard way have been causing untold sufferings to the sellers and buyers, informed sources said.

Local people and shop owners have demanded early development and proper maintenance of the markets.



SYLHET Like some other areas, the Court-Point Area goes under water after a slight rainfall for which the town dwellers suffer much. — Star photo

## Malaria cases increase by 40 times

**From Our Correspondent**

CHAPAINAWABGANJ. May 17: Malaria has broken out in the district and the disease is spreading quickly among the people.

According to Civil Surgeon office, at least 2,000 malaria cases were detected during the last seven years. Only 50 malaria cases were found in the year 1985. It shows that the disease has increased by 40 times during the last seven years.

The malaria affected areas are the frontier unions of Shibganj Upazila including Shahbazpur, Binodpur, Monakosha, Durlapur, Kansat, Daipukuria and Chakkriri.

Some 'Falciparum' type of malaria case was also detected in these areas. District Civil Surgeon office informed this correspondent that the preventive measures had been taken after the detection of the disease.

Two doctors of the Civil Surgeon office informed that the people of frontier area often go to India and they carry the malaria germ and as a result the malaria disease is spreading.

Moreover, the doctors are apprehending that the people of rural areas have gelled drug resistance as because the malaria drug (quinine) are used much in simple fever by the village doctors. As a result, the malaria drug are not working properly in cases of malaria patients there.

On the other hand, the local Civil Surgeon office seek permission to the higher authority to control the mosquitos in the affected area by spraying DDT but the higher authority is yet to give the permission to spray DDT.

Local doctors have urged the concerned authorities to take immediate steps to control the disease.

The bodies of a housewife and her child were recovered from the Pagla river here recently.

The local people of Shyampur village under Shibpur upazila at first found the bodies of Sajener (27) and her child floating on the river.

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

Two children of village Chardharampur under Bholahat Upazila were roasted alive in a fire incident recently.

It is learnt that two children Asaduzzaman (5) and Mohibibul (6) were playing in a thatched room near the affected area.

The accused were produced before the Sadar Upazila Magistrate court. A case has been filed in this connection.

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According to the sources, the fire originating from a short circuit immediately engulfed the surrounding area.

Later fire brigade unit from here rushed to the spot and extinguished the fire.

Five people were injured while trying to bring the fire under control.

A man was sentenced to 10-years rigorous imprisonment for possessing unauthorised arms, court sources said here Saturday.

#### 2 College students held for teasing girl

KISHOREGANJ, May 17: Police arrested two college students for teasing a girl student in front of the Government Mahila College here Sunday, reports UNB.

The arrested were identified as Afzal Bhuyan son of Golap Mia of village Singhpur in Nikli Upazila and Liton Kumar Banerjee son of Bhobon Banerjee of village Mrica in Itna Upazila. Both of them are the students of Kishoreganj Government College.

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## PROFILE

### Queen recognises Golding's social services

By Masud Hasan Khan  
back from Barisal

Barisal town must be smaller than a dot on the map of the old British Empire. The collectorate building, churches, the court house and other relics still testify to Rule Britannia. Now, the sun of the former empire has long set and its map reduced to pieces.

But there is yet a living remnant of the British inheritance in Barisal town. Reverend George C Golding, the Father Superior of the local Oxford Mission. He is the last of the European community in the town who has spent almost his whole lifetime at Barisal with his religious mission.

Elizabeth II, the Queen of England on January 1 honoured the octogenarian missionary with The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, an award to recognise his service to the Queen.

On May 10, the British High Commissioner in Dhaka Colin Imray, as representative of the Queen went to Barisal, to invest Reverend Golding with the golden cross of the order.

customarily known as the OBE. At a function organised at the Oxford Mission, the High Commissioner performed the investiture rites and pinned the medal on the white robe of Reverend Golding.

High officials of the district and the elite of the town were present at the function which was followed by a cultural soiree.

"The order is the most incredible thing in my life," the frail looking reverend said with his malachite-green eyes shining with joy. "Of course, I am moved at the gesture," he said.

Reverend Golding confided that he wished to go to England for personally receiving the order from the Queen but his old age disagreed. The missionary is now 81 and needs a wheel chair for movement.

When asked why he decided to embark on a missionary career and that too at Barisal than any other place on earth, Reverend Golding said

"I came here because He called me here."

The Barisal region was the most disadvantaged area in the whole of the sub-continent because of its geographical situation. People here needed help — education, and improved medical treatment."

Born in England in 1911 Golding was ordained in 1939 after two years as a curate at Croxford, he joined the Oxford Mission in England. He spent 49 years in the Indian sub-continent. The young missionary first came to Barisal in March 1948 and stayed there for six years. In 1955 he went back to Calcutta mission and again returned in 1966. He became the superior of the Oxford Mission in 1970.

The reverend during his stay in Barisal closely witnessed the birth of Bangladesh. Recounting memories of his first visit to Barisal, the reverend said that the sleepy town was dotted with thatched houses and bungalows. There were not very many Europeans in the town. Besides officials of the British Raj in the town, there were Roman Catholic and Baptist missionaries of European descent.

One of the two churches of the town, — St Peter's Church — was exclusively reserved for the Britishers and the other Europeans. The Oxford Mission was established in the year 1900.

"I arrived at Barisal leaving behind the wall marking — 'British, Quit India' — in Calcutta. The situation here was very calm. The noisy political situation in Calcutta seemed remote," he said. According to him that political climate in the district began changing since independence, but despite the change, there was problem in running the mission.

"We still have greatest understanding and splendid relationship with the people and the officials of the local administration," he said.

The mission which started with a single boarding for the boys and a primary school back in the beginning of the century, now runs large secondary and primary schools for both boys and girls. Besides, the mission also runs several schools at various places in Barisal district.

Thousands of pupils have passed out from these schools and learned to live a better life. Many of them have prospered later in their lives. The efforts of Father Golding and others did not go in vain. When you work for your fellowmen you will always be rewarded," he said.



His Excellency Colin Imray, HC of Great Britain in Bangladesh attiring OBE cross on the gown of Reverend Father George Golding. — Star Photos

## 22 smugglers held, Tk 1.47 lakh goods seized in April

KUSHITIA, May 17: The BDR men arrested 22 smugglers and seized goods worth about Taka 1,46,75,853 from different border areas of the greater Kushtia district in the month of April last, reports UNB.

The BDR sources said, goods while being smuggled into the country included Indian sarces, cloths, blouse pieces, three piece, fruits, insecticides, cattle, bicycle and its spare parts, jute seeds, sugar, salt and cosmetics worth about Taka 1,29,58,293.

Goods while being smuggled out of the country included soyabean oil, polyester cloths, VCR and VCP worth about Taka 17,17,560.

At least 144 cases have

been registered with different police stations.

BSS reports: one Motahar (55) of village Shastipur near Kushtia town was electrocuted on May 14 when he caught a live wire on way back home from Bhadalia Bazar.

The live wire strayed on the road as the pole holding it was uprooted in a nor'wester the same day. He died on the spot.

The nor'wester swept over the area and damaged several kuchha houses and standing crops on a large area.

A UNB report from Satkhira adds: Bangladesh Rifles seized polyester cloths from border areas here worth about Taka 1.50 lakh while being smuggled into India.

## Dacoits loot Tk one lakh in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, May 17: A daring dacoity was committed at Vadraghat village of Kamarkanda upazila of the district Thursday night, reports UNB.

Police said a group of dacoits numbering 15 to 20, attacked the house of one Habibur Rahman and looted property worth about Taka one lakh which included a cash of Taka 8,000.

Habibur Rahman along with his three other family members were injured due to indiscriminate beating by the dacoits.

A case was filed with Kamarkanda police in this connection.

## Absence of tafsil office causing sufferings

NAOGAON, May 17: Absence of any tafsil office at Baranagcha union in Raninagar Upazila of the district is causing suffering to the local people, reports UNB.

Villagers of the union have to go to the tafsil office at Parai union, about ten miles away. As a result, villagers are suffering much to pay their taxes of lands.

It is reported that every union has a tafsil office in all upazilas of the country.

## Housewife commits suicide

BRAHMANBARIA, May 17: A housewife allegedly committed suicide at village Maniaunda in Akhaura upazila of the district by taking poison on Friday, reports UNB.

Police said Shahera Banu (21) wife a Momin Mia of the village allegedly committed suicide over family feud.

The body was sent to Sadar hospital for autopsy.

A case has been filed with the police.

## No fire service station in 11 UZs

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, May 17: Property worth crores of taka are being damaged in absence of fire stations in 11 upazilas of the district every year.

Fire incidents cause heavy damage to life and property in these upazilas.

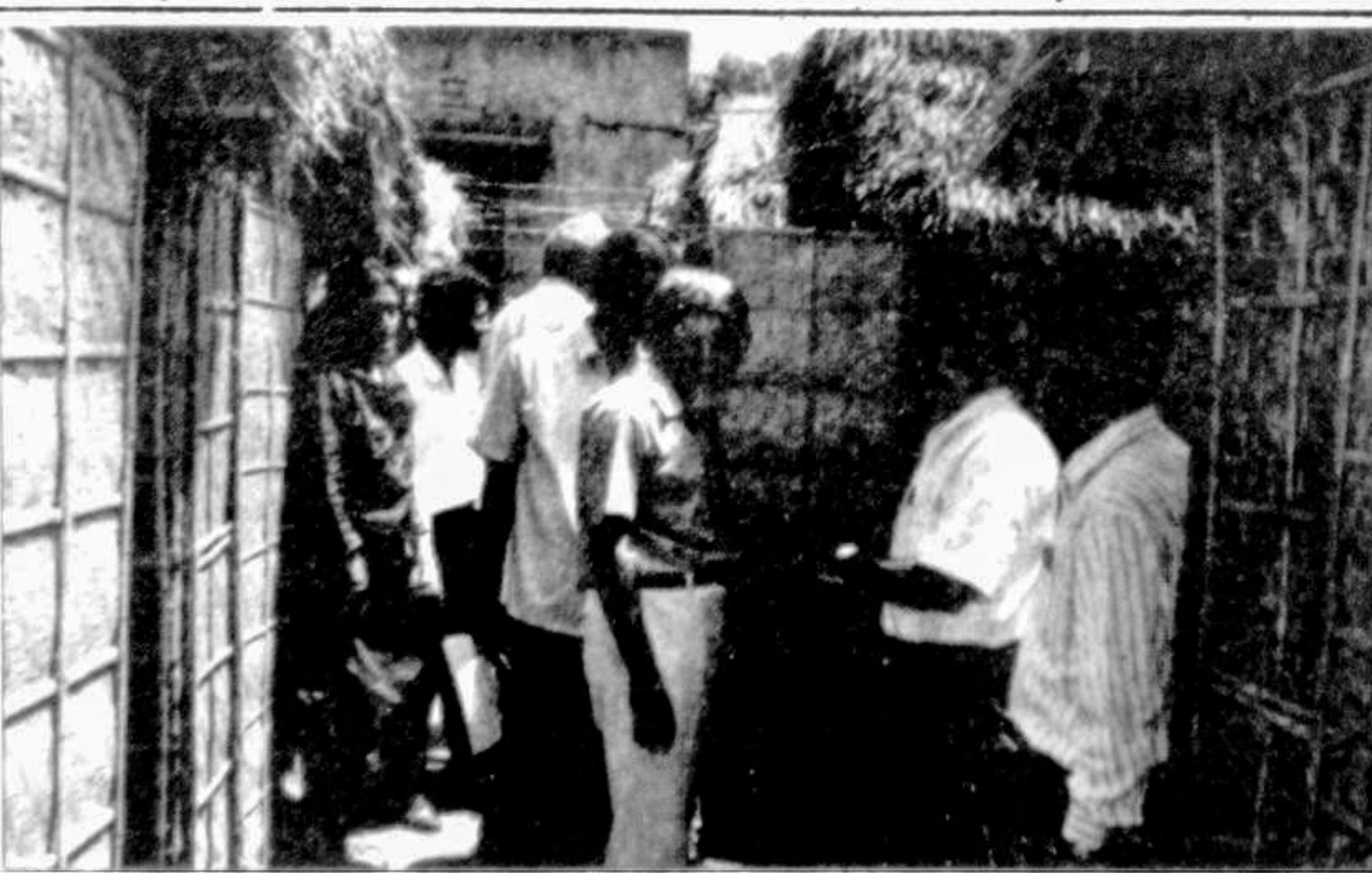
Last year, fire incidents caused heavy damage to property in Hossainpur, Pakundia, Tarail, Itna, Katiadi, Karimganj, Kuliarehar, Bajitpur, Mitamain, Austagram and Nikli upazilas.

At present, there are fire stations only in Kishoreganj and Bhairab. When the firebrigade personnel from Kishoreganj and Bhairab reach the place of occurrences after long drive nothing remains to be extinguished.

With the establishment of upazilas, many government offices and private establishments have been set up in the upazilas. Moreover, there are internal roads in the upazilas and as such movement of fire vehicles will not be affected.

People hope that the government would set up fire station in upazilas to save the life and property from the hazards of fire.

A UNB report adds: Passengers at Bhairab Railway Station are suffering a great deal due to lack of amenities, some of the passengers alleged.



AGRI-VARSITY A team of specialists led by the Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan observing a trial programme on developing a suitable storage technology for indigenous potato varieties at the Horticultural Farm of BAU recently. — Star photo