Businessman

killed in

road mishap

GHORASAL, May 19: A businessman was killed in a

truck accident near Amedia

bridge on Panchdona-Danga

Santi Gopal Shaha (60)

businessman of Danga bazar in

Palash upazila was killed on

the spot recently when the

truck fell into a road side

ditch. He was coming to Danga

bazar from Narsingdi boarded

The mishap took place

when driver lost control of the

gear. The body was sent to

morgue for autopsy. A case has

been filed with the local po-

beaten-to death by her husband

here over demands for dowry.

daughter of a day labourer of

Olitala of the same upazila was

married to Sona Mia of Arifpur

few years back, when gold or-

naments and a cost of Taka

15,000 had been given as

manded some more money

from his father-in-law who

could not afford.

But recently Sona Mia de-

The victim Murshida,

A housewife was

in the rice loaded truck.

road recently, reports UNB.

Upazila roundup

RANGAMATI

Killing by Shantibahini men condemned

May 19 : Parbatya Gano Parishad at a protest meeting here condemned the brutal killings by the tribal insurgents in Longadu Upazila, reports

Three people were burned alive and one gunned down by the outlawed Shantibahini men who swooped on non-tribals' village Nagartila on the early hours Friday.

Protesting continued atrocities by the tribal terrorists, speakers at the meeting urged the government to withdraw the general amnesty declared for the outlaws and try them according to the law of the

They demanded judicial enquiry into the terrorist acts in Chittagong Hill Tracts and publication of a white paper on

Leaders of the Parishad appealed to the government to introduce a "Chittagong Hill Tracts Quota" replacing the existing tribal quota in government services, education and trades to ensure equal rights to both tribal and non-tribals.

They also demanded that non-tribals be allowed to run for the post of Local Government Council Chairman in the three hill districts and those affected by the terrorist acts of the outlaws given adequate compensation and rehabilitated.

Presided over by President of the Parishad the meeting was addressed, among others, by Belal Chowdhury and Azam Ali Azam.

NAOGAON

Foundation of diabetic hospital laid

May 19: Foundation stone of the proposed Naogoan Diabetic Hospital was laid at a function held here recently. reports BSS.

The Deputy Commissioner Naogoan who is Ex-officio Chairman of the Naogoan Diabetic Society laid the foundation stone. The function was addressed among others by Shamsuddin Ahmed MP. Alamgir Kabir MP and Dr Lutlar Raham, General Secretary of the local Diabetic Society

Naogoan Pourashava donated a plot of land for the establishment of a diabetic hospital. Besides, some philanthropic persons have come forward to help establish the

SYLHET

Private medical practitioners confce held May 19: The annual confer-

ence of Bangladesh Private Practitioners Association (BPMPA) of the district unit was held at a local hotel on Friday, reports UNB.

Heart Specialist Brig (Retd) Dr MA Malck was present as chief guest while Prof Mobarak Alt attended as special guest.

Dr Aztzur Rahman, a noted child specialist and Vice President of the local unit delivered the maiden speech in the inaugural session.

Prof Dr MA Khalique, Prof Dr MA Rahim Chowdhury and the leaders of BMA and BPMPA of Sylhet also spoke on the oc-

Speakers at the conference paid tribute to the memory of Late Dr Akhtar Uddin for his great contribution in establish ing Sylhet Medical School which was upgraded to Sylhet Osmani Medical College later.

A 20-member committee was formed for the year 1992-93 with Dr MG Zulfikar, Dr MA Afzal and Dr Iqbal Ahmed Chowdhury as President. General Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

MAGURA

BCL, JCD activists clash, 15 hurt

May 19: At least 15 students were injured in a clash between activists of Awami backed Chhatra League and pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Aminoor Rahman College campus in Mohammadpur Upazila, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, the clash spread over a trifling matter recently. Stones, lathis and iron sticks were used during the chase and counterchase which continued for

more than an hour. The injured students were admitted to upazila health

Rajshahi

BNGA confce

May 19: The conference of Bangladesh National Geography Association (BNGA) will be held today (Tuesday) at the University of Rajshahi, reports

Vice-Chancellor Prof Amanullah Khan will attend conference "Environment and Development" as the chief

About 2,000 geographers, geologists, hydrologists and environmentalists from home and abroad are expected to attend the conference.

KURIGRAM

No work for carpenters

From Our Correspondent May 19: The carpenters of the district have been facing manifold problems for a long

There are nearly 10,000 carpenters who depend only on carpentry for their livelihood. Their traditional profession is now on the verge of ru-

It is learnt that acute scarcity of house-building materials has been prevailing in the district. Farmers and other people are not employing the carpenters to build boats and houses due to lack of quality wood which was once available all over the district at a cheaper price.

At present, inferior quality wood is selling at exorbitant price. Needy people are refuctant to purchase inferior quality of wood because it is not suitable for boat-building and house-building. This has become a problem for the car-

Many people of the district have been affected by recurring national calamities and economic recession in the country. They are now unable to engage the carpenters for various purposes.

Many housewives of the carpenters being forced by the economic crisis have been engaged in the production of handicrafts to supplement their husband's meagre

NARAYANGANJ

Khaleda govt protecting war criminals'

May 19: Awamt League Presidium Member Zillur Rahman recently alleged that the anti-liberation elements patronised by the BNP government are working against the sovereignty of the country. reports UNB.

Addressing a biennial coun cil of Narayangani City Awami League at All Ahmed Chunka Auditorium, he blasted the Zia government for what he called initiating the process of rehabilitating those who directly opposed the independence and instigated politics of military coup and killings.

Now Prime Minister Begum Zia, who formed her government with the support of Jamaat-e-Islami, is trying to protect war criminal Golam Azam ignoring the people's

Rahman criticised the government's inaction against the armed Jamaat-Shibir activists who are attacking the pro-liberation forces at different places of the country.

The opening session was addressed, among others, by Awami League Joint Secretary MA Jalil, Momtaz Hossain, Ansar Ali, Mobarak Hossain and Prof Nazma Rahman.

MAIJDEE COURT

Hospital beset with problems

MAIJDEE COURT (Noakhali), May 19: The Matidee General Hospital has been facing operational handicaps for want of an ambulance, reports UNB.

The hospital has been without an ambulance since its establishment two years ago.

Emergency patients cannot be moved to the hospital for timely treatment or operation. Leader of Noakhali district headquarters said their repeated appeal to the government for an ambulance fell on deaf ears.

TANGAIL

Workshop on Primary Health Care concludes

TANGAIL, May 19: A threeday workshop on Primary Health Care concluded on Thursday at the auditorium of Tangail Medical Assistant Training School, reports BSS.

The Ministry of Health and World Health Organisation (WHO) jointly sponsored the workshop. 50 doctors participated in the workshop.



ROOT-LESS PEOPLE: River erosion has left them landless and homeless and have taken shelter on embankment. -Star photo

Jamuna devours 12 villages

One lakh erosion-hit people living on embankment

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, May 19: The erosion of the river Jamuna has left about one lakh people homeless of the eastern part of the district who have been staying on embankment and passing a subhuman life.

The erosion of the river Jamuna has devoured over 12 villages under four unions of the district. The eroded villages are: Hatsherpur, Kajla, Chaluabari, Karnibari, Dighapara, Karmanapara, Acherarpara, Sujatpur, Baluapara, Khepripara, Shahanbandha, Benipur, Titparail and Kuripara.

A signboard of Hatsherpur Post Office on a tinshed building in village Nijbalail speaks of the existence of Hatsherpur Union which has been devoured by the river Jamuna. The officials of different departments still maintaining the records of the union.

The river is eroding more areas and hundreds of people are still taking shelter on the embankment.

The continuous floods are also making hundreds of peo-

COMILLA, May 19: Two

people were killed and 10

others injured in a road mi-

shap at Chansree in Choudda-

gram Upazila on Dhaka-Chi

here today, reports UNB.

ding truck on May 13.

the police.

with the booty.

ttagong Highway, police said

occurred when a Chandpur

bound night coach from Cht-

ttagong collided with a spec-

the conductor of the bus died

on the spot. The driver of the

bus, however, managed to flee.

Police seized both the vehicles

A case has been lodged with

Valuables worth about Taka

According to police about

eight armed dacoits stormed

the house of Shahidul Islam,

tied the house owner and beat

the inmates indiscriminately

when they tried to resist them.

Later, the dacoits decamped

madrasa student was assaulted

and seriously injured by a

group of local college students

Another report adds: A

2 lakh were looted in a daring

dacotty at Devidwar Upazila of

the district recently.

Witnesses said the accident

The driver of the truck and

ple homeless who are coming to the same shelter. These uprooted people have

no land to live in or cultivate. They have got no money or source of income to maintain their families. As a result, the huge number of people have been living on both sides of Jamuna Embankment and passing an uncertain life. A considerable number of

these eroded people have sailed for unknown destination. Some of them have already engaged themselves in works like rickshaw driving, plying of push cart, and other inferior jobs. The aged and unable people have resorted to begging for mere survival.

Most of these people have been suffering from malnutrition and they easily fall prey of various diseases.

To stop the erosion and flood, a plan to construct an embankment was taken up in 1961 by the then WAPDA. The 220-km-long embankment from Kunia to Sirajganj started in the mid of 1960.

2 killed in road mishap, Tk two

lakh goods looted in dacoity

at village Kurakhal in Devidwar

tim Anwar Hossain (15) while

studying in his room at night

was called out by some college

students. They took him to a

nearby field and started beat-

One killed, four

hurt in

road mishap

man was killed and four people

were injured when a truck hit

a tempo near railgate here on

Monday, police said, reports

occurred at Santahar on

Naogaon-Bogra highway when

the truck driver tried to over-

take the tempo in the morn-

ing. Both the vehicles were

Tempo passenger Nilmoni

bound for Bogra from Naogaon.

Shaha (56) and its driver

Nirod were rushed to a local

hospital in a critical condi-

tional where Nilmoni suc-

A case has been filed with

cumbed immediately.

RANGPUR: The excavation of Mithapukur Canal on self-help basis is in progress.

Witnesses said the accident

NAOGAON, May 19: An old

Family sources said the vic-

Upazila recently.

But this embankment could not save 350-km square area of Sariakandi. Within a very short period, cracks developed on the embankment and the erosion began again.

Water Development Board (WDB) took another plan to save the people from flood and extend irrigation facilities to 53,000 acres of land. In the past 15 years, eight ring embankments were constructed but the purpose was not served

Falu Mia (38) who has taken shelter to a near by village, Nijbalail expressed that the local people are unwilling to give lands for the embankment as it failed to save them from erosion and floods. Emran Ali (42) of the same village informed this correspondent that the engineers and contractors did not work properly and that is why the embankment was damaged.

Some of the local people informed that they do not get the price of the acquired lands for the construction of the embankment.

ing mercilessly and left the

place leaving him unconscious.

tal assault could not be known.

Two separate cases were filed

with the police.

the district.

on May 3.

The reason behind the bru-

A 14-day training camp for

the women "Gram Dal" leaders

has begun here in Rammala

Ansar and VDP Training

Ground at Thomson bridge of

The training camp was for-

mally inaugurated on May 2 by

Mohammad Tozammel Haq,

Deputy Director, Ansar and

VDP Comilla and 275 women

Gram Dal leaders from 12

upazilas of the district have

been attending the training

Another report adds: Six

dwelling houses with all be-

longings were burnt to ashes

in a devastating fire that origi-

nated from the house of Zafar

Ali at village Mohammadpur in

Barura Upazila of the district

Extent of damage was esti-

-Star photo

mated to be about Taka one

lakh. The cause of the fire

could not be ascertained.

30 hurt, 3000 houses damaged in tornado From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, May 19: A tornado that lashed the district Sunday night left at least 30 people injured and a trail of devastation. At least 3000 dwelling

houses were razed to the ground rendering hundreds of people homeless and vast areas of standing crops were damaged by the storm. The storm with a wind

speed of 50 to 60 kilometres per hour accompanied by rain and thundershowers lasted for about 15 minutes. Hundreds of trees were also uprooted and electricity and telecommunication lines were snapped. The badly affected upazilas

are Sadar, Taragani, Kaunia and Pirgani. Seriously injured 5 people

were admitted to the upazila health complexes. Mosquito menace has caused a havoc in Rangpur

poura and its adjoining areas for the past few months. The menace has now reached at such a point that nobody can sit peacefully at the

turns worst just after sun-set. The students community is the worst sufferer as they can not run their studies peacefully

houses even in the day time. It

The officials of different offices are not spared from the

mosquitoes.

attacks of the mosquitoes. The Rangpur town has vir-

at houses due to bittings of

tually turned into an ideal place for breeding of mosquitoes and other injects. All the drains both pucca

and katcha, ponds, ditches and khals have been filled up with filths, garbages, jungles and dirty waters.

Heroine worth Tk 9 lakh seized, 2 held

PABNA, May 19: Narcotics Control officials have recovered 62 grams of heroine worth about Taka 9 lakh and arrested two young couples.

Officials raided the houses and arrested Golam Mustafa and his wife Shanaj Begum and Mohammad Ranju and his wife Jahanara Begum. They were handed over to police.

Bumper boro production is expected throughout the district despite severe drought during the current season.

Lightning leaves 35 injured in Amtali UZ

BARGUNA, May Thirtyfive people were injured nine of them seriously, by lightning in Jangia Union of Amtali Upazila of the district recently, reports UNB.

The affected persons were among a large crowd attending a death anniversary at the house of Kalu Chowkidar when thunder struck.

The seriously injured were identified as Yunus Mia, Abdul Khaleque, Bashir, Younus Ali, Iskandar, Shaheb Ali, Mozibar, Abdul Hug and Khalil. All of them were hospi-

talised in Barguna Sadar hospital and the rest treated at the Amtali Upazila Health Complex. Abdur Rab, Upazila

Magistrate, local MP Dhirendra Nath Shambhu and former upazila chairman Delwar Hossain visited the hospitals to see the affected people. According to another re-

port, Abdur Rashid (40), a farmer of village South Amragasia in Mirzaganj Upazila of Patuakhali district died by lightning recently. The deep tubewell, sunk in

the Mokamia Alia Madrasa premises here, has been lying inoperative for a long time causing difficulties to the students and the people of the

Deportation of Father Tim demanded KHAGRACHHARI, May 19

The tribal and non-tribal leaders of Chittagong Hill Tracts today jointly demanded deportation of Father R W Tim from the country for his alleged involvement in sending distorted information abroad, reports In a joint press release, the

leaders alleged that Father Tim, in collusion with a couple of organisations, is engaged in activities contrary to national interests. Referring to the Golam

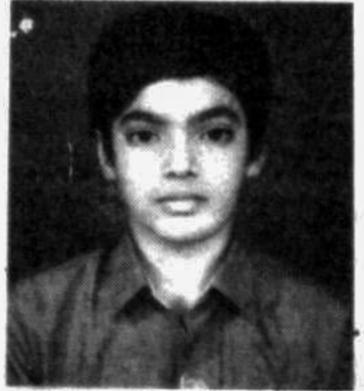
Azam issue they said if existing law of the country forbids any foreigner to head a local organisation, the same law should be applicable for Father Tim, who is also a foreigner.

They said Father Tim not only supplied fabricated information regarding Chittagong Hill Tracts

adjoining area.

The Mokamia Alia Madrasa, is an important Islamic Education Centre of the southern region and there are about 700 students, Madrasa sources

Stands 2nd in pry scholarship exam



Tarique Kamal stood second in the Primary Scholarship Examination under Comilla Board held in the year of 1991 He is a student of St. Mary's School of Chittagong town. He also got Choyontka Scholarship from Chittagong earlier. He is the eldest son of

Badrul Kamal and flasina Kamal. Tarique seeks blessings from all

Obtains Talent Pool scholarship



Moffazzal Sartf obtained talentpool scholarship from Chapainawabganj Public Model Covt. Primary School under Rajshaht Board of the examination held in 1991.

He is the eldest son of late Freedom Fighter and Businessman Sariful Islam and Mrs. Islam.

Notes from

Satkhira From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, May 19: Awami League Organising Secretary Tofael Ahmed, MP, said people are united on the question of trial of the killers of 1971 and 1975 recently.

Addressing the biennial conference of Satkhira district Awami League, he alleged that late President Ziaur Rahman first initiated the process of rehabilitation of the anti-liberation elements by repealing the Collaborators Act.

jakars were released from jails and made ministers, even Prime Minister, in the Zia government. He castigated anti-liberation

Jamaat-e-Islami for trying to juxtapose "War Criminal" Golam Azam with Islam. The opening session of the

council was also addressed, among others, by party central leaders Salauddin Yusuf, MP, Abdur Razzak, MP, and Abdul

61 Indian cows

seized Bangladesh Rifles (BDR)

seized a total of 61 Indian cows from different places in Maliganj Upázila of the district recently. Acting on secret informa-

tion, BDR in separate drives recovered 40 smuggled cattle from Kharni area, 10 from Uksha and another 10 from Dhurmujkhali. The cows were handed over

to the Basantapur customs officials and cases were filed with Shyamnagar Police Station. Local leaders complained

that smuggling of Indian sarees, lungis, cosmetics, spices, spares, sugar, salt, untencils are on rise in the border areas. They also alleged that a section of influential men in cooperation with some dishonest officials are engaged in this heinous act. They urged the authorities

to take stringent action against the smugglers to save the local industries from ruination.

One killed by assailants

A man was killed by some unknown assatlants at Satkona in Assasuni Upazila of the dis-

Family sources said, the

victim Jafar Ali(45) was attacked by the miscreants while he was returning home from the nearby market. They beat him mercilessly and later beheaded him with a sharp wcapon.

The reason behind the ghastly murder could not be ascertained immediately. Local people, however, apprehend that past enmity might be the cause of the killing.

The body was sent to hospital for autopsy. A case has been filed with the police.

Housewife injured in bomb blast

A housewife was seriously injured by dacoits who raided a house at Mirzapur area in Tala Upazila of the district and took away Taka 30,000.

gang of dacoits numbering about 8 armed with lethal weapons broke into Mahitosh's house at night of April 17. They burst crackers and

According to witnesses, a

hurled hand bombs at Mahitosh's wife, who raised She was admitted to Sat-

khira Sadar Hospital with serious injury. A case was filed with Tala police. 2 youngmen under

BDR custody

Two young men were taken into custody by BDR for alleged smuggling.

The arrested persons were identified as Asoke Kumar Biswas of Majgurni and Abu Taleb of Neklapur. They were caught while crossing the border. An amount of Taka 10 thousand were recovered from

Contraband goods worth Tk 3 lakh seized

In an anti-smuggling hunt BDR raided shops at Bardal bazar in Assasuni Upazila and seized contrabands worth about Taka 3 lakh, officials here said.

The setzed items included Indian sharee, lungi, bidi, utensils, paper, sugar, cycle parts, cosmetics and salt. The goods were later

handed over to local customs officials and several cases were filed with the local police. Another report adds: Four people were injured in a clash

between two brothers at north

Eksara village in Assasuni Upaztla over famtly feud. The quarrel ensued between the two brothers -Golam and Solatman - over recording their ancestral property in their names. Later

it turned into a violent clash when the relations joined both the sides. The injured Ebadul,

been filed with the police.

Rupban, Fatema and Rows-

hanara were the family members of Golam. A case has

Tofael said that branded ra-