

## Upazila roundup

### JAMALPUR

#### AL attacks on Jamaat's meeting, 5 leaders injured

From Our Correspondent

May 23: Five Jamaat-e-Islami leaders including Professor Abdul Bari, Ameer of Melandah Upazila unit were seriously wounded by the activists of Awami League at Kalbari Bazar under the same upazila on May 13.

Police sources said, when Jamaat-e-Islami supporters were holding a meeting, about 15 activists of Awami League attacked the meeting. As a result, the Jamaat leaders were seriously injured. Professor Bari was rushed to the hospital and the doctors there send him to Mymensingh Sadar Hospital in a critical condition.

The Jamaat-Shibir brought out a protest procession in Melandah bazar which demanded immediate arrest of the culprits.

A case has been registered with the Melandah police in this connection and tension has been prevailing in the upazila town.

### AGRI-VARSITY

#### BAU seminar on chicken

May 23: A seminar on "Etiology and Pathogenesis of Inclusion Body Hepatitis in Chicken" was held at the gallery of the Department of Microbiology and Hygiene of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) recently, says a press release.

Arranged under the auspices of the BAU Central Seminar Committee, the seminar was presided over by Prof Dr M. L. Dewan of the Department of Pathology of BAU and it was participated by Dr M. Saifuddin, Molecular Virologist of Massachusetts Institute of USA as the keynote speaker.

The question-answer session of the seminar was participated among others by Dr Motahar Hossain Mondol, Dr Rafiqul Islam, Dr Zahurul Karim, Dr Mostafizur Rahman and others.

A large number of audience including teachers and post-graduate students of BAU attended the seminar.

### SATKHIRA

#### BNP unit committee formed

From Our Correspondent

May 23: The biennial conference of BNP, Satkhira district unit held at Shahid Abdur Razzak Park recently.

Advocate Shamsul Haque presided over the function while Dr AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Vice Chairman, BNP and Deputy Leader of Jatiya Sangsad and Tariqul Islam, Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs were present as chief and special guest respectively.

Speaker Sh. Razzak Ali, Mosharraf Hossain Shajahan, State Minister for Irrigation and Flood Control, Ashraf Hossain, Whip, Prof Faruk Rahman MP, Mrs Selina Rahman MP spoke on the occasion.

Later, a 110-member committee of Satkhira district unit of BNP was formed with Advocate Shamsul Haque and Kamrul Islam Farooq as President and General Secretary respectively.

### KURIGRAM

#### Oath-taking ceremony held

From Our Correspondent

May 23: The oath-taking ceremony of newly elected office bearers of Kurigram Govt College: Chhatra Sangsad was held recently.

The oath-taking was administered by Principal Shyama Prasad Roy.

In this connection, a discussion meeting was arranged at the hall room of the college with Principal Shyama Prasad Roy in the chair.

State Minister for Finance, Majbar Rahman was present as chief guest while Whip of Parliament Prof Shahjahan Mia, MP was the special guest.

Among others, Abdul Rahim Shamim, VP Abdul Wahab Mondal, GS of the Chhatra Sangsad, Rezaul Karim Sohel Khatib, Advocate Samsuddin, Omar Faruq and Professor Shyama Prasad Roy spoke.

It was concluded with a cultural function which was participated by the college students and local artistes.

### PABNA

#### One held with heroin worth Tk 25 lakh

From Our Correspondent

May 23: Ishurdi Railway Police recovered heroin worth over Taka 25 lakh recently.

Acting on secret information, a police team searched Ishurdi bound Chapainawabganj local train at Kakonhat Rail Station and recovered 250 gms of heroin worth over Taka 25 lakh.

Police also arrested one Shafiqul Islam (28), son of Tofazzal Hossain of village Bhabanipur under Shibganj Upazila of the district in this connection.

A case was registered with Ishurdi thana.

### JESSORE

#### Power generators to be installed in BSCIC estates

May 23: Power generators will be installed in each BSCIC Estate to facilitate unhindered supply of power in the industrial units, reports BSS.

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan said this in Jessore while talking to the entrepreneurs of the Jessore BSCIC estate on Thursday. The entrepreneurs apprised the Minister of the inadequate power supply in the estate.

Mr Khan said undisturbed power supply is a prerequisite for smooth operation of existing industrial unit as well as growth and expansion of the sector. He said, BSCIC will extend all possible cooperation for setting up generator in each estate by the private entrepreneurs collectively. He said, this will ensure uninterrupted production of the industries and will make the projects profitable.

The Minister visited a number of industrial units there and showed keen interest about their performance. He expressed his satisfaction to see the recycling of used and waste polythene bags in a plastic beat for producing consumer plastic items.

He said this will play important role in keeping environmental pollution within control caused by used polythene bags.

The Industries Minister expressed his satisfaction over the quality of some other industrial products of the estate. He urged the management of the concerned units to further improve the quality and standard of the products for exporting these in the competitive world market.

### COMILLA

#### Husband gets life-term for killing wife

From Our Correspondent

May 23: Abul Kashem of Burichang Upazila has been awarded life-term and fined Taka 2000 in default to suffer one year more imprisonment for killing his wife Monwara Begum under Act 302 recently.

The prosecution story is this that the accused, Abul Kashem and some members of his family used to torture Monwara after the marriage for dowry.

On the fateful day, Kashem beat her wife severely and Monwara died on the spot. A case was filed with the Burichang police in this connection.

The Investigation Officer after investigation submitted chargesheet against Kashem for killing his wife.

The Additional Sessions Judge, Md Nurul Wadud after examining the records and witnesses awarded Abul Kashem life-term and acquitted three others.

The acquitted persons are Abdul Huq, Abul Hashem and Rafia Begum.

### FENI

#### 5200 ring latrines to be distributed

May 23: Public Health Engineering (PHE) Department will distribute 5200 ring latrines in five upazilas of the district during this year, reports UNB.

Among these, at least 2678 sets have already been distributed during last four months.

According to district Public Health Engineering (PHE) office the distribution of rest 2522 latrines will begin from June 30.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been financing the project for improving rural sanitation.



MOULVIBAZAR : Paschim Bazar, the main fish and vegetables market of the town, has no shed. — Star photo

## Aus farming plan on 6.12 hectares Cotton output encouraging

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, May 23: The cultivation of cotton is increasing day by day in the district as the production is encouraging.

The Cotton Development Board has fixed a target to produce 11,000 metric tons of cotton on 10,600 hectares of land in four districts of the region during the current season.

The district-wise cultivation target is: Bogra-2100 hectares of land with a production of 2100 metric tons, Rajshahi-4000 hectares of land with a production target of 4400 metric tons, Rangpur-3000 hectares of land with a production target of 3000 metric tons and Pabna-1500 hectares of land with a production target of 1500 metric tons of cotton.

The Cotton Development Board will supply seeds, pesticides, fund and other necessary inputs to make the cultivation a success.

## Soil fertility decreases, agri production falls

From Our Correspondent

RAJBARI, May 23: The fertility of the soil has decreased and consequently the agricultural production has also fallen considerably.

It is learnt that the flood waters from Ujanchar and Char Luxmipur left behind huge quantity of sands on the lands of Rajbari Sadar, Goalando, Pangsha and Balakandi upazilas of the district. At least 1000 acres of land have already been silted up.

Most of the ponds, tanks and canals in the villages of

### Faridpur hospital supplies medicines to patients

FARIDPUR, May 23: Faridpur General Hospital is probably the only government hospital in the country which supplies necessary medicines to its patients, reports UNB.

Inmates of the 100-bed hospital informed Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf that they are not required to purchase any medicine as all those are supplied from the hospital.

They expressed satisfaction at the care taken by the doctors when the minister visited the hospital Thursday. He went round different sections and enquired about the facilities patients were receiving in the hospital. He also expressed satisfaction over the cleanliness and maintenance of the hospital.

Officials informed the minister that on an average 150 patients are accommodated in the hospital.



RAJBARI : The farmers are harvesting the paddy. — Star photo

## Increase in female labourers unusual

MADARIPUR, May 23: Unusual spurt of women labour force in the district in recent days has been causing concern among the social welfare activities, reports UNB.

According to social welfare and labour leaders, thousands of female day labourers are seen husking paddy, working in the brickfields and taking part in earth digging.

Unmarried girls and divorcees constitute the majority of the women labour, they said adding opportunities for their work have been shrinking for various reasons.

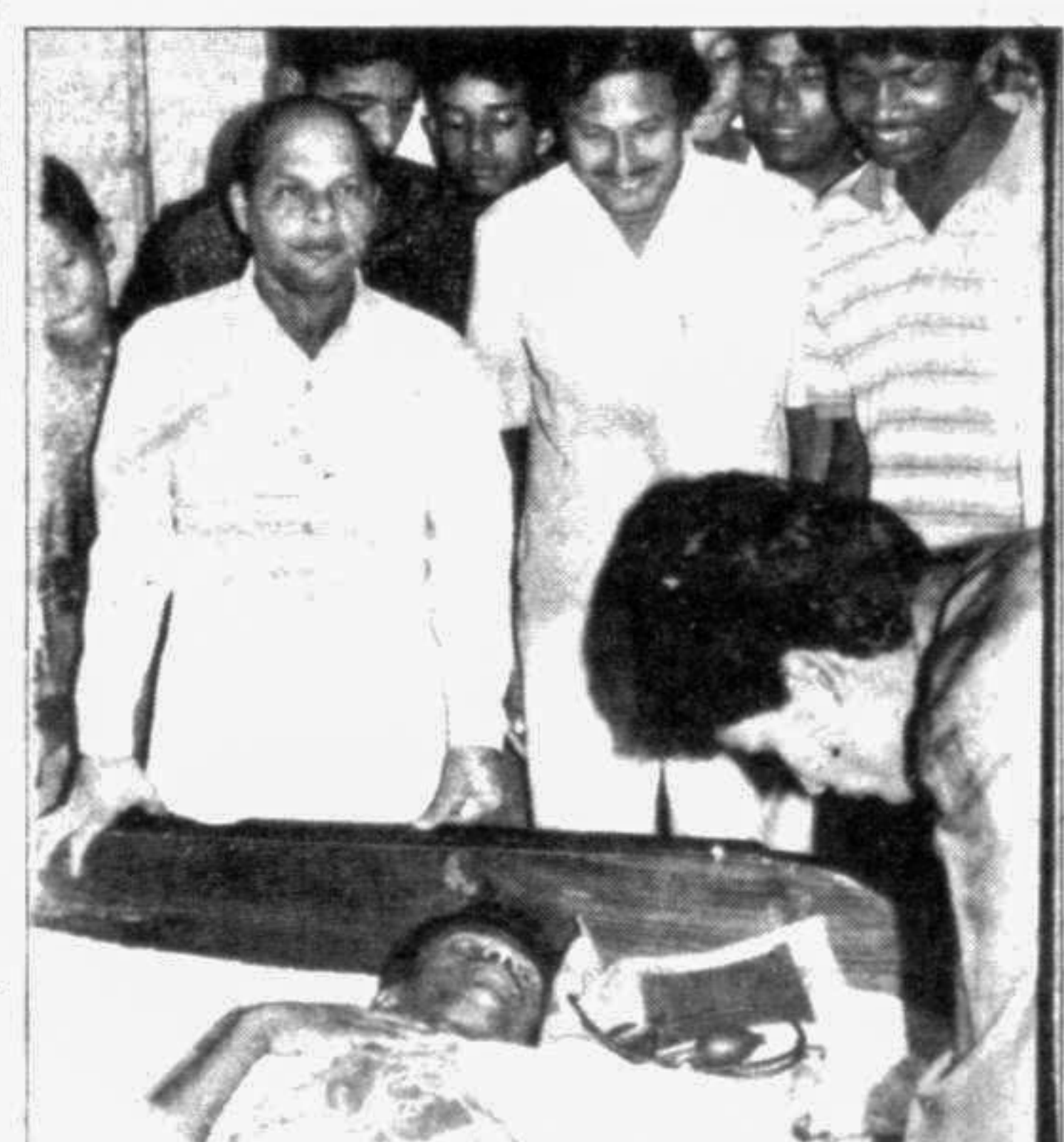
Recurring floods, drought and other natural calamities for the last few years have caused extensive damage to crops affecting the small and marginal farmers.

Finding no other alternative, distressed women are forced to come out of their homes and take up labourous works in search of livelihood, they said.

The leaders called upon the government to create job opportunities for poor women by extending soft credit facilities for small and cottage industries in order to make them self-reliant.

Police arrested an absconding accused from Khoajpur village in Sadar upazila of the district recently.

The accused Azizul Haque Howlader was awarded one year's rigorous imprisonment in a criminal case some time past. But he turned fugitive to avoid arrest.



SYLHET : A man is donating blood in a programme organised jointly by Kewapara Kalyan Samity and 'Sandhani' local M A G Osmany Medical College unit recently. — Star photo

## Smugglers snatch goods from BDR men

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Some smugglers snatched away the recovered Indian goods worth about Taka two lakh from the BDR personnel at Kotchandpur Bus Stand at 11 am on Monday.

After getting on information, a BDR patrol party of Mandarola Camp of Jessore Two Battalion followed a Kaliganj bound bus (Meherpur-BA-4).

When the bus reached at Kotchandpur, the next bus stand. Four BDR men boarded the bus and recovered the above mentioned Indian goods.

Suddenly, some people standing at the bus stand attacked the BDR jawans and started pelting stones at them. At one stage, the people snatched away seven bundles of clothes from the BDR jawans.

The BDR jawans later recovered two bundles of clothes from the smugglers. The remaining five bundles could not be recovered.

Five persons including a BDR jawan were injured in the incident.

No case has been filed till

## Phone exchange Demand for capacity enhancement

From Our Correspondent

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, May 23: About one thousand applications seeking new telephone connections have been lying pending with the authorities concerned for years together but no positive steps have yet been taken to enhance the capacity of the telephone exchange.

The existing 400-line telephone exchange is quite inadequate to meet the rising demand of the local businessmen and organisations. Despite repeated reminders, the

authority is doing nothing which has also been causing huge revenue loss to the government.

Some times the local staff hint positive signals but in fact nothing is found in practical. They also blame the local representatives of the public for not placing the matter with the higher authorities.

It may be mentioned here that the importance of Chapainawabganj has increased considerably after its upgradation into district

## Notes from Kushtia

From Our Correspondent

KUSHTIA, May 23: Acute scarcity of drinking water in most parts of local Municipal area has been prevailing for a long period causing untold sufferings to the town dwellers.

Out of total seven deep tubewell pumps which supply water to the town, two have gone out of order and the rest five are working with half of their capacity due to fall of ground water level.

According to an estimate, 20 lakh gallons of water are needed daily for consumption of one lakh fifty thousand people. But only 10 lakh gallons of water are available at present.

There are more than 20,000 domestic water connections and 350 hand tubewells in the town.

### Road needed

The need of a road over the Hardinge Bridge on the Ganges has long been felt by the people of north and southern zone of the country.

The ferry service in between Bheramara and Paksey is very unsatisfactory because of unusual long time it takes to cross the river.

Moreover, the rise of water level makes constant shifting of ghat from one place to another. It may be mentioned here that ferry service is greatly affected in dry season due to constant fall of water level.

### Construction materials prices increase

Sudden price hike of construction materials like cement, bricks and M S rods has been hampering construction work in the district.

The importers of cement in Khulna and the local traders said that huge quantity of cement have been diverted to Chittagong from Khulna. The want of required ships in the International carrying market have caused dislocation in supply position from abroad and this has contributed greatly for scarcity of the same.

Cement at present is sold between Taka 240 and 250 per bag while a month back it was being sold at Taka 215 per bag.

The M S rod is being sold at Taka 20 per kg while it was being sold at Taka 18 per kg two months back.

### Development of hats, bazars demanded

Hats and bazars of all the six 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 omitting bad odour and helping huge breeding of mosquitoes.

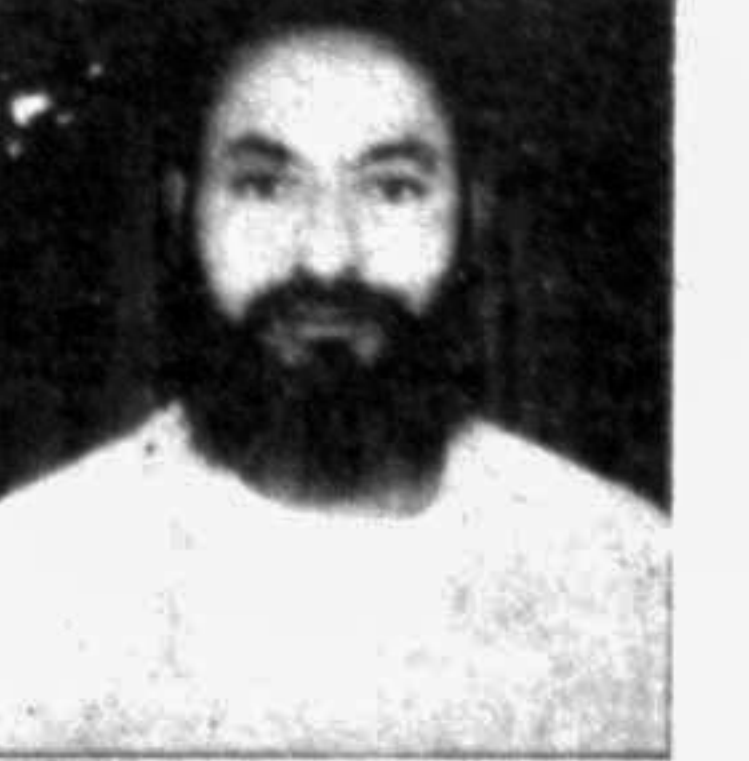


## Shishir obtains Talentpool Pry Scholarship

Md. Shishir Khan Shishir obtained talentpool primary scholarship from Chandpur Press Club sponsored 'Udayan Shishu Biddalaya' under Chittagong Division of the examination held in the year of 1991.

He has secured first place in Chandpur Sadar upazila.

He is the second son of Professor Md. Hossain Khan and Mrs Shirin Akhter. Shishir seeks blessings from all.



## Best secondary school teacher

Safiqul Islam, B Sc, B Ed, Asst Teacher of Rajarampur Hasina Girls' High School under Nawabganj Municipal Area has been selected as the best Secondary School teacher in Chapainawabganj district for 1991.