

Upazila roundup

**JAMALPUR**  
19 cattle poisoned to death

**From Our Correspondent**  
June 28: At least 19 cattle were poisoned to death in Jamalpur district during the last one month.  
A large number of cattlemen involved in extracting skin for a long time.  
The cattlemen in collaboration with skin traders and in some cases with butchers steal cattle from farmers' cow-sheds and use poison to promptly kill them for extracting skin.  
Upazila wise poisoned to death cattleheads were: 6 in Melandah, 4 in Islampur, 2 in Sarishabari, 3 in Madarganj and 4 in Dewanganj.  
Several cases were filed with police. But the trend of this malpractice did not come to an end.

**SATKHIRA**  
Police detect illegal clinic

**From Our Correspondent**  
June 28: Police have detected here an illegal clinic recently where abortions are abruptly done.  
It is reported that one Nasima Begum, a Staff Nurse of Satkhira Modern Hospital opening a clinic at her residence has been continuing illegal abortion for a long. In spite of repeated warning from the district administration, she did not stop it.  
According to police, one Momena Khatun (22), an unmarried girl of Purahitpur village under Assasuni Upazila was admitted to the clinic for abortion on June 13 last. Acting on a secret information, Satkhira thana police raided the house and rescued the victim Momena Khatun in critical condition. Later, she was shifted to the Satkhira Hospital.  
A case was lodged with Satkhira Police Station in this regard.

**JHENIDAH**  
One killed, 50 hurt in rival groups clash

**From Our Correspondent**  
June 28: One person was killed and 50 others were injured in a clash between two rival groups at village Barotpara in Shailakupa Upazila on Monday last.  
According to police and villagers, about 500 villagers belonging to one group armed with deadly weapons like dhal, shanki, lathis, ramdao etc attacked their opponent group. Most of the villagers of about 5000 people of the village took part in the fierce clash.  
At least 50 people sustained injuries of whom 31 serious admitted to Shailakupa hospital. Most critical Javed Ali (35), Shamsul (35) and Habibur (37) were transferred to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital where Javed Ali succumbed to his injuries. Looting was also reported after the clash. Long standing village enmity was the main reason behind the clash, it is learnt.  
Police were deployed in the village to control the situation. A case was filed with Shailakupa Police Station in this regard.

**BRAHMANBARIA**  
Transport owners, workers now 'hostage'

June 28: Communications Minister Oli Ahmed said Friday that innocent transport workers and owners were now held hostage at the hands of some hoodlums and vested quarters, reports BSS.  
The Minister said a handful of violent-makers had been carrying out repressions on the innocent drivers by resorting to bomb blasts and other violent activities to obstruct the movement of essential commodities and to increase the sufferings of people including the HSC examinees.  
Addressing a public meeting at Brahmanpara upazila premises Oli Ahmed said, the government would not allow to continue such anarchic situation in the transport sector and urged the people to resist the illegal strike.  
He said the government had clearly given its opinions about each and every demand of the road transport workers federation and urged the striking workers and owners to call off the strike.  
Presided over by Kazi Mujibur Rahman, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Ashraf Hossain, Begum Rabeya Chowdhury MP and JCD General Secretary Illias Ali.

**SYLHET**  
One killed, 10 injured in clash

**From Our Correspondent**  
June 28: One person was killed and at least ten others received bullet injuries at village Ishaquepur Ratiarpara of Jagannathpur upazila of Sunamganj district recently.  
According to the reports, at about 10-30 am, on the day of incident a group of armed people attacked one Anwar(22), a football player at village Ishaquepur. When some people came to save him, a clash ensue between the groups. At one stage, several rounds of fire were also opened causing the death of one person on the spot and bullet injury to ten others.  
The deceased had been identified as Raban Khan (21). Of the injuries, Anjab Ullah, Araz Ullah, Abdul Hakim, Fazlul Malik and Sayed Khan member had been in critical conditions at the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital. Three others had been admitted to the nearby Paura Hospital.

A case in this connection had already been registered with the police. 31 persons had been arrested in this regard.

**MAULVIBAZAR**  
Ad-hoc committee formed

June 28: A meeting of businessmen here has decided to form a committee for setting up a Chamber of Commerce and Industries of Maulvibazar district, reports UNB.  
Syed Shahabuddin Ahmed presided over the meeting. It was addressed, among others, by Col (Retd) MA Matin, Sanawar Ali Chowdhury and Abdul Wadud.  
A 24-member Ad-hoc committee was formed with Syed Shahabuddin Ahmed as Convener.

**NETRAKONA**  
Heavy rainfall, lowlying areas under water

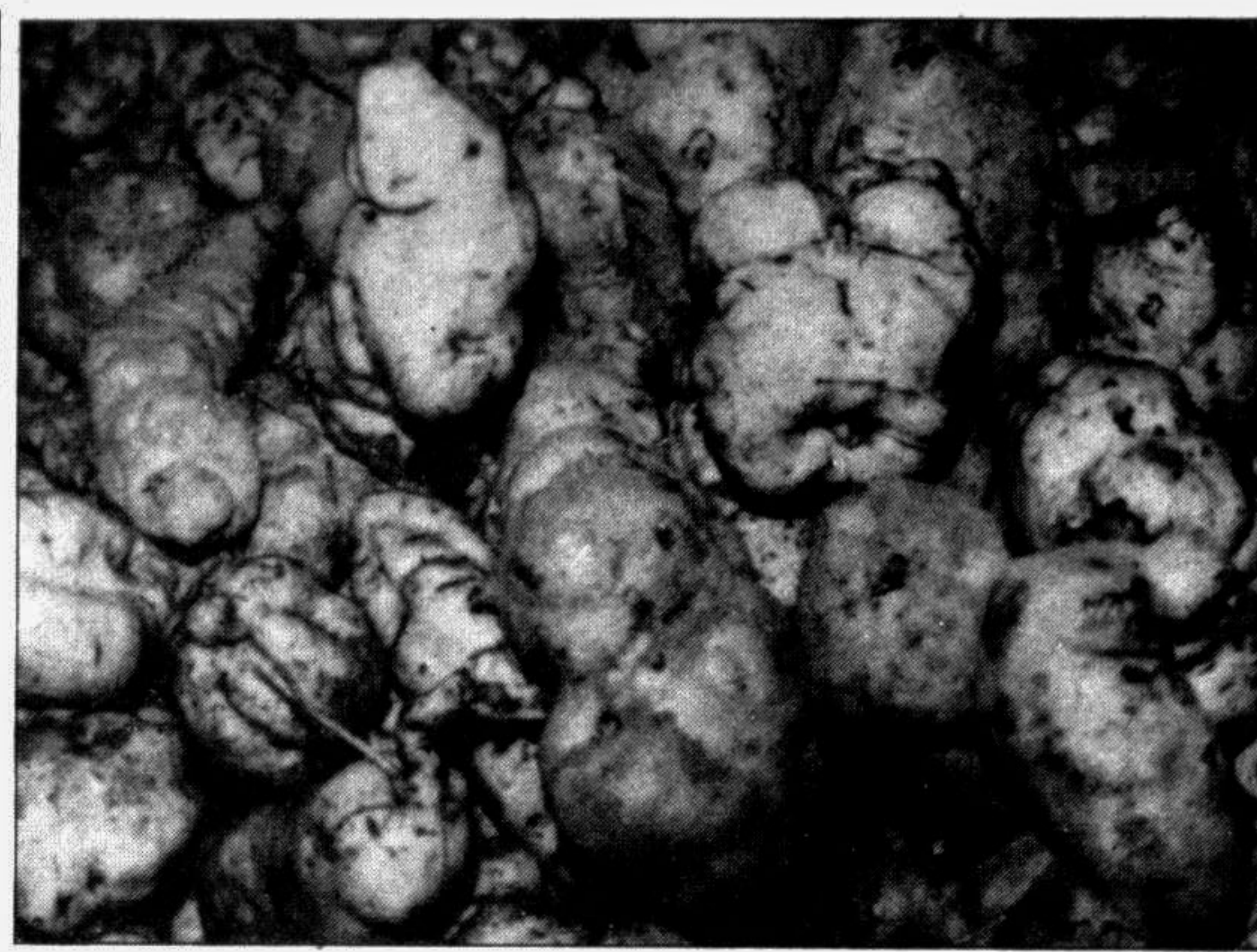
June 28: Netrakona district town and its adjoining villages experienced widespread rainfall accompanied with squally winds Wednesday last, reports BSS.  
The low lying areas of these places went under water.  
Meanwhile, the water level of three rivers of the district registered a rise at different points.  
Water development board sources said that river Sumsuari registered a rise at Durgapur point, the river Kongsha at Jaria point and the river Mogra at Netrakona town point. They are however, flowing below danger point.

**LALMONIRHAT**  
Prices of essentials up

June 28: Prices of essentials registered a sharp rise in the district due to the countrywide transport strike, reports UNB.  
Prices of kerosene, petrol, edible oil and other commodities have already gone beyond the capacity of commonman. A litre of kerosene was selling at Taka 40, petrol at Taka 100, soybean at Taka 60 and a packet gold leaf cigarette, at Taka 120.  
In many upazilas of the district the supply of fuel almost came to a halt as no oil tanker or lorry reached there since the strike began on June 22.  
Price of other commodities particularly those coming from other districts are also going up.  
Transport strike also disrupt normal activities and movement of the people. Thousands of commuters were stranded as most transports were off the road.

**NARSINGDI**  
One stabbed to death, eyes gauged

**From Our Correspondent**  
June 28: One youngman was stabbed to death and his eyes were gauged out by miscreants at Raipura Upazila of the district recently.  
It is learnt that the victim, Jasimuddin (25), son of Baharuddin of Sattamara village came to his father-in-law's house. While he was sleeping at the dead of night, some miscreants came to the aforesaid house and stabbed him mercilessly. Later, they gauged his eyes out.  
A case was lodged with police in this regard.



BOGRA: The sweetpotato locally known as "Mach Alu" is largely grown in Char areas of the district. But the production of sweetpotato has abnormally declined this year due to continuous drought. — Star photo

Pest attack alarming in three districts

**BARISAL**, June 28: Pest attack has taken a serious turn in the districts of Bhola, Borguna and Patuakhali causing loss to crops, farmers informed here, reports UNB.  
About 940 acres of paddy land in Borguna, 770 acres in Patuakhali and 465 acres in Bhola have come under the attack, they said.  
Due to drought, cultivation of paddy had been delayed, but pamri and mazra pests have been destroying the crop despite pesticide spray in some areas, the farmers said.  
Construction work of six roads connecting 22 markets with upazila headquarters of Barisal district under 'Growth Centre Connecting Road Programme' is progressing fast.  
According to an official source, Local Government Engineering Bureau (LGEB) has been implementing the projects at an allocation of 694 metric tons of wheat under World Food Programme.  
About 21 kilometre roads connecting 22 markets with upazila headquarters of Barisal Sadar, Agailjhara, Babugonj, Bakergonj, Muladi and Wazirpur are being constructed for quick transportation of the local products, the source said.  
AUS cultivation in 65 upazilas of eleven southern districts under Barisal Agriculture Zone (BAZ) is going on the full swing.  
The districts are Barisal, Jhalakati, Bhola, Pirojpur, Patuakhali, Barguna, Faridpur, Rajbari, Madaripur, Gopalganj and Shariatpur.  
According to an official source, a total of 11,66,924 acres of land have been brought under aus cultivation of them, upashi variety is being cultivated on 2,07,196 acres

Police action on newsmen slated

**From Our Correspondent**  
over by Mosharraf Hossain, President of BJA. Addressed among others by Meherullah, Mostafa Babul, Shafiguzzaman, Baidur Rahman and Nurul Alam Siddiqui.  
**Gaibandha**  
Our Gaibandha Correspondent says: Journalists of Gaibandha district organised a protest procession here recently against police action in National Press Club, Dhaka during hartal in which over hundred journalists sustained injuries.  
After parading the main roads, the processionists held a rally at the premises of Deputy Commissioner's office where local journalists condemned the attack.  
The speakers expressed solidarity with the programme of BPUJ and DUJ and demanded resignation of Home Minister. They criticised the brutal attack of police on journalists and demanded exemplary punishment to the persons responsible.  
Later, a memorandum was handed over to the Deputy Commissioner.  
**Moulvibazar**  
UNB reports adds: Members of Moulvibazar press club and local unit of journalists association at a joint meeting here recently condemned the police action on journalists in Dhaka.  
The meeting demanded exemplary punishment to those responsible for the incident. Presided over by Shafiguatal Wahed, the meeting was

addressed, among others, by MA Salam, Secretary local press club and Syed Ruhul Amin, Secretary journalist association.  
The meeting expressed its full support to the six-point demand of Bangladesh Federal Union and Dhaka Union of Journalists and urged the government to fulfill the demand immediately.  
**Chandpur**  
Bangladesh Sangbadik Samity Chandpur unit, and Chandpur Press Club jointly organised a meeting at Chandpur Press Club on June 22 and condemned strongly the police attack on the journalists at the National Press Club on June 21.  
The meeting was presided over by Md Hossain Khan, Secretary Chandpur Press Club. The meeting was addressed among others by Sanker Chandra Dey, Golam Kibria Jiban, Anwar Habib Kajal, Maksudur Rahman Scfm, Shamapada Bhulu, Shah Md Maksud and others.  
The speakers on the meeting strongly condemned the police action on the working journalists at the national press club and demanded the police personnel involved in the incident. After the meeting, the journalists also submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner demanding immediate judicial enquiry of the incident.  
The meeting also prayed for the early recovery of the wounded journalists.



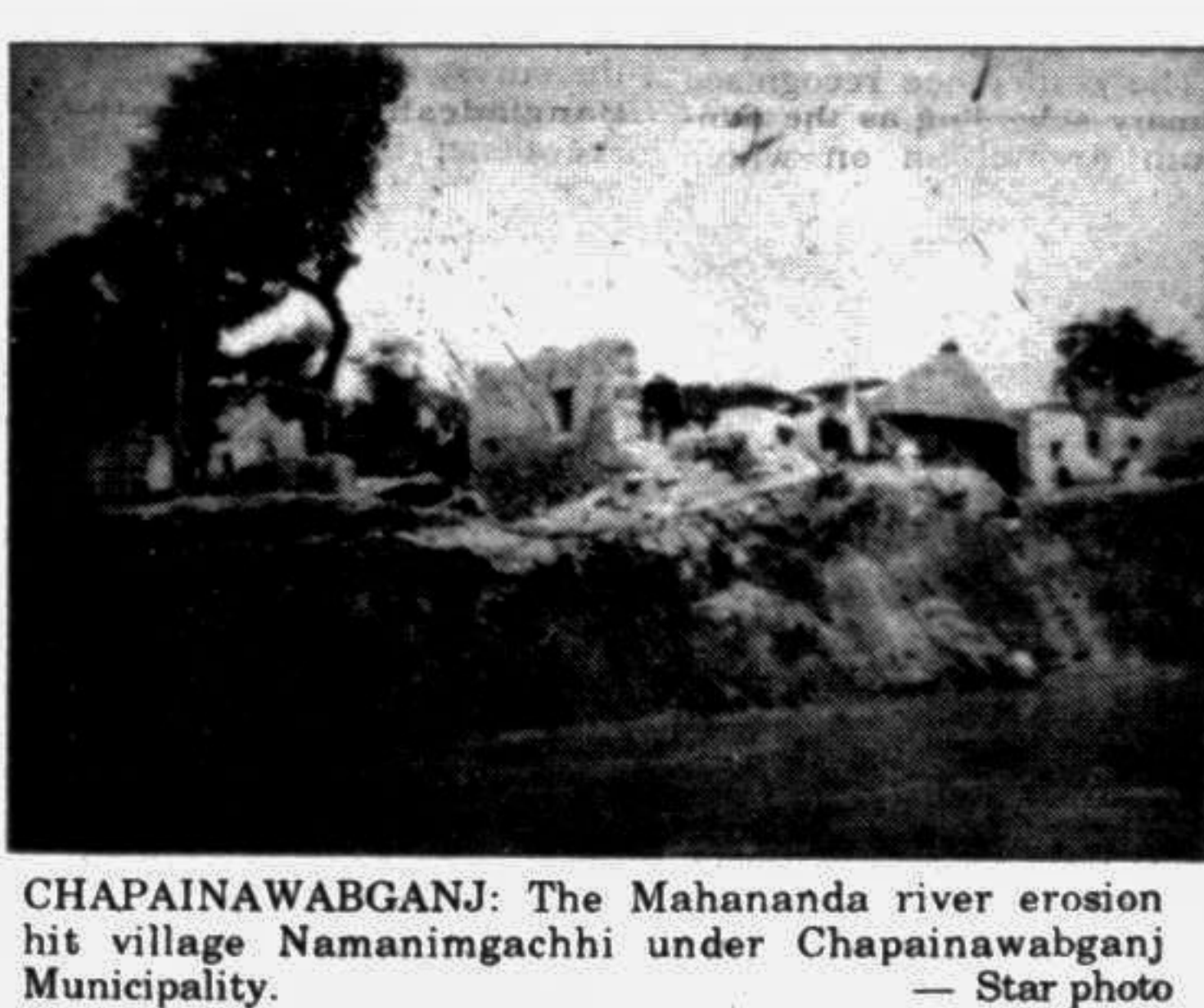
MYMENSINGH: Mymensingh Union of Journalists brought out a procession here recently condemning the police action on journalists at National Press Club on June 21. — Star photo

Kalazar kills 12, attacks 1000 in three-week

PABNA, June 28: Kalazar, a deadly fever, claimed at least 12 lives and attacked 1000 others over the last three weeks in seven upazilas of the district, reports UNB.  
According to hospital sources, among the deceased nine were identified as Nazir Ali (42), Rahima Khatoon (23) of Bhangooria Upazila, Ramecha Khatoon (55) of Faridpur Upazila, Ramesh Chandra (68), Nabirun Bewa (40), Ayub Ali (28), Mofazzal Hossain (40) and Abdul Berek (50) of Sujanager Upazila and Habibur Rahman (40) of Sathia Upazila.  
Everyday, a large number of patients from different areas are pouring into the hospitals and health complexes seeking treatment. But most of them are to go back disappointed due to lack of accommodation and medicare facilities, it is learnt.  
While contacted the district Civil Surgeon told UNB that arrangements are being made to give adequate medicare facilities to the increasing number of patients. He also said the situation is under control.  
Another report adds: Azzur Rahman Arju, a social worker, donated a radio cassette recorder to Pabna Press Club at a simple ceremony on Friday.  
Murshed Subhani, Senior Vice President of the club presided over the function and Secretary ABM Fazlur Rahman received the cassette recorder on behalf of the Press Club.  
At least 25 people, including two cops, were injured in a clash over gambling in a bazar at village Bir Subrata in Kazipur Upazila recently.  
Policeemen Abdus Salam (30) and Saku (32) and a villager were admitted to a health complex with serious wounds.  
UNB report adds: The first phase of Pabna Irrigation and Rural Development Project has been completed recently at a cost of over Taka 384.4 crore with the financial assistance of ADB and IFAD.  
According to official source, the first phase work on the project was started in July 1986.

Farmers to get Tk 4.15cr loan in Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, June 28: Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) has taken up a programme to disburse Taka 4.15 crore as agriculture loan among the farmers of the district during the current fiscal year, a BKB source said, reports UNB.  
Of the total loan, Taka three crore will be distributed for cultivation of crops, purchasing bullock and deep tubewells and establishing small and cottage industries in the district, the source added.  
Distribution of loan has already started through 13 branches of BKB in six upazilas of the district.  
The annual conference of district Primary School Teachers' Association was held here at sadar Upazila Town Hall with Nurul Haq in the chair recently.  
Ali Akbar Chowdhury, UNO of sadar upazila was present as the chief guest in the inaugural session while Nurul Islam, President Narsingdi Press Club and Layaes Uddin, Secretary General of Primary Teachers' Association were present as special guests.  
During the conference a committee of district unit of primary school teachers was formed with Nurul Haq and Mostafa Mohsin as the President and Secretary respectively.  
Police recovered a body from the Meghna River beside the Tilatuli village in Raipur Upazila of the district on June 20.  
The dead was identified as Amirul Islam (27), a Sub-Inspector of Cox's Bazar district police, sources said.  
Amirul was going to visit his relatives at Bhairab, slipped off the ferry, and had been missing since June 18, his relatives said.  
A case has been filed with Raipur police.



CHAPAINAWABGANJ: The Mahananda river erosion hit village Namaningachhi under Chapainawabganj Municipality. — Star photo

Call to save society from drug abuse

RAJSHAHI, June 28: International Day against 'drug abuse and its illicit trafficking' was observed here on Friday, reports BSS.  
A seminar on 'social erosion due to drug abuse' organised by Department of Narcotics and Liquor was held at local Zila Parishad Auditorium where Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Md Safuzzaman spoke as chief guest.  
Associate Professor of Rajshahi University, Abdur Rahman delivered the key note paper.  
Terming drug abuse as the curse for society the speakers in the seminar called for building social awareness to save the future generation.  
Earlier, a rally was held in observance of the day. The rally started from Shahabbazar and ended at Monibazar.  
The processionists carrying banners and festoons chanted slogans against drug abuse.  
A report from Khulna says: United Nations International Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking of drugs was observed here on Friday under the auspices of the Narcotics Department.  
The day's programme included rally at the circuit house premises and a joint silent procession to create mass awareness about the bad effect of the abuse of drugs.

Treatment facilities meagre in sadar hospital

NAOGAON, June 28: Naogaon Sadar Hospital, the largest in the district, is beset with manifold problems including inadequate doctors, nurses and other staff, lack of equipment, medicine and accommodation, reports UNB.  
The two-storied hospital has an accommodation for only 50 patients and other patients are to stay on the floor.  
There are no ENT specialist, cardiologist, gynecologist and medical consultant. As a result, people who are suffering from these diseases are not getting specialised treatment.  
It is also learnt that the annual allocation of medicines for the hospital is too meagre to meet the needs of the ever increasing number of patients.  
Local people alleged that serious patients, who are admitted to or operated upon at this hospital, have to purchase medicines from the market.  
Absence of a blood bank and dental treatment facilities have confounded the suffering of the patients.  
Most of the doctors are busy with private practice and are hardly available in their hospital jobs.  
Local elite and affected people urged the authorities to take necessary steps immediately to improve the condition of the hospital.  
The district experienced a heavy downpour which begot a tragedy at least for a poor family.  
The downpour that lasted for half an hour along with strong wind caused collapse of a dilapidated dwelling house killing a boy at village Barasula in Sadar upazila.

Notes from Jhenidah

**From Our Correspondent**  
JHENIDAH, June 28: One Nurul Islam (20), newly married youngman committed suicide here recently being shocked at wife's behaviour.  
Family sources said, the victim Nurul of village Mohishadanga married Khuku of village Krishnapur in Sadar upazila 12 days back. Husband Nurul committed suicide by taking pesticides when his newly married wife termed him impudent.

Training course on IPM concludes

UNB adds: A one-day training programme on Integrated Pest Management of Rice (IPM) was held separately in five upazilas of the district recently. District Agriculture Extension Department (AED) organised the programme in five separate days at the Sadar, Harinakundu, Kaliganj, Kotchandpur and Moheshpur upazilas.  
AED organised the training courses to impart basic knowledge to the farmers on judicious application of pesticides and elimination of pests for boosting production.  
Nazrul Islam, Deputy Director of AED, Jhenidah, conducted the training course.  
A total of 431 farmers from five upazilas participated in the training programmes.

One slaughtered to death

Unidentified assailants slaughtered Fazul Haq (50) of Albalpur village in Shailakupa upazila to death on Friday night.  
Villagers said the victim was called out of his house by a group of armed men and slaughtered him in a field nearby.  
With Haq, three people were murdered in a week in Shailakupa upazila.  
The body was brought to the morgue here for post mortem. A case was filed with Shailakupa police.

Paribahan Sramik Union confce held

The biennial conference of district Sharak Paribahan Sramik Union was held here at its office recently.  
An 18-member committee of the union was formed for 92-94 with Md Hobibar Rahman as President and Md Ibrahim Ali as Secretary.  
A total of 30 candidates, contested in the election, union sources added.

12 lakh bales of raw jute likely to be produced

MAGURA, June 28: Over 12 lakh bales of raw jute is expected to be produced in 10 southern districts of Khulna division during the current season, reports UNB.  
According to the regional office of Jessore Agriculture Extension Department (AED) elaborate arrangements have been made to bring 2,83,091 acres of land under intensive jute cultivation in the current season.  
Out of the total, 5,410 acres would be cultivated under compulsory varieties and 2,77,681 acres under optional varieties.  
While talking to UNB, an official of AED informed that of the total land to be covered by the programme will be 40,277 acres in Magura, 60,045 acres in Jessore, 37,880 acres in Jhenidah, 32,938 acres in Narail, 5,683 acres in Khulna, 2,224 acres in Bagerhat, 23,845 acres in Satkhira, 26,842 acres in Kushtia, 27,972 acres in Chuadanga and 25,984 acres in Meherpur districts.

2 newsmen injured in road mishap

GAIBANDA, June 28: Two local journalists were injured seriously in a road accident at Dulbhanga on Gaibanda-Palashari road on Friday night reports UNB.  
The journalists Sheikh M A Mazid Mukul, local unit president of Jatiya Sangbadik Sangstha and Editor weekly 'Gono Prahar' and Dipak Kumar Paul, President, district Press Club met the accident while their speeding motor cycle plunged into a roadside field.  
They were returning to Gaibandha town after attending a meeting at Gabindaganj press club.  
They were rushed to the Gaibandha Modernised Hospital.  
Another UNB report adds: Two examinees were expelled from Government Mohila College in the first day of the Higher Secondary Certificate Examination.  
A total of 208 candidates appeared in the HSC examination that began Thursday.