

## District roundup

## LAXMIPUR

## Miscreants beat JCD leader mercilessly

From Our Correspondent

Sept 18: Nazrul Islam liton, VP, Raipur Sarkari College Chhatra Sangsad and President, Thaa Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal was beaten by miscreants mercilessly while he was going home recently.

When Nazrul reached Station Road of Raipur Bazar, the miscreants attacked him and beat with bottle of Fanta.

He was admitted to Raipur Thana Health Complex and later transferred to PG Hospital.

In a joint statement of the Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal leaders of Laxmipur Zila, Shah Md. Imran and Mainuddin Chowdhury Riaz, President and General Secretary respectively urged the government to send Nazrul Islam Liton to foreign country for better treatment immediately.

## NARAYANGANJ

## Banker dead

Sept 18: Abdul Quayum, Principal Officer, Sonali Bank Principal Office, Narayanganj died of heart failure at about 12 mid-night Tuesday last at his Narayanganj residence, says a press release.

Abdul Quayum was born on August 15, 1945 in the village of Noagang under Brahmanbaria district.

He joined the ten National Bank of Pakistan in 1967 and working in the bank till his death.

He was 47 and left behind his wife, two daughters, two sons and many admirers to mourn his death.

## MYMENSINGH

## One to suffer 10 yrs RI for keeping illegal arms

From Our Correspondent

Sept 18: A man has been awarded 10 years RI for keeping illegal arms by Abdus Salam, District and Sessions Judge, Mymensingh recently. He was also fined Taka 5000 in default to suffer RI for one year more.

The accused, Md. Abdul Aziz, hails from village Amian Dangunder Trishal thana of the district.

According to prosecution story, Trishal thana police arrested accused Abdul Aziz and seized the pipe-gun from his house on March 19, 1992. A case was filed with police.

Later, police submitted chargesheet against him and the judge after examining therecord and witnesses delivered aforesaid judgment.

## SIRAJGANJ

## Body for proposed baul academy formed

From Our Correspondent

Sept 18: A committee for proposed Sirajganj Baul Academy has been formed here recently at local Silpakala Academy.

The meeting with Sadar Thana Magistrate and General Secretary of local Silpakala Academy, Abdul Malek in the chair, elected Advocate Rafiq-Ul-Aziz as Convener, Abdul Malek Sarkar as Joint Convener and Selim Uddin Badal, K M Akter Hossain, Aminul Islam, Helal Ahmed, Baul Mehoob Hossain, Abdur Rouf Chowdhury and FerdousRabin as members of the Baul Academy.

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## MAULVIBAZAR

## Lightning kills college student

From Our Correspondent

Sept 18: Lightning killed a college student of village parshi in Rajnagar thana of the district recently.

Family source said, lightning suddenly struck the victim, Md. Shahjahan (18) when he was working in a paddy field.

Shahjahan was a HSC, 2nd year student of Rajnagar College. A condolence meeting was held at Rajnagar College at the death of Shahjahan.

Another report says: Both the father and son were killed by lightning at Kawadighi Haor under Rajnagar thana recently.

A according to family source, Dhanai Miah (43) of village kalsipur and his son Abul Kalam (19) were catching fish at Kawadighi Haor and lightning suddenly struck them. They were on a country boat.

## KISHOREGANJ

## Two face wheat defalcation charge

From Our Correspondent

Sept 18: The district Anti-Corruption Bureau submitted charge-sheet to the Karimganj thana court against the former Project Implementation Officer (PIO) of Karimganj thana and ex-member of Baragaria union for defalcation of wheat meant for project under Food for Works Programme.

Both have been charged under section 409/109 BPC and 5 (2) of anti-corruption Protection Act 1947.

According to the district Bureau office, during the financial year 1987-88, 30.79 metric tons of wheat were sanctioned for the reconstruction of the road running from Tusherkanada to Fazlkhali Bazar and a project committee was formed with Khokan Miah, member of Baragaria union parishad as its chairman.

The project chairman lifted 30 metric tons of wheat in two installments and misappropriated the whole quantity in collusion with Abdus Satter, Project Implementation Officer of Karimganj.

## JAMALPUR

## Newspaper Hawkers' Kalyan Samity executives

From Our Correspondent

Sept 18: The election of Newspaperhawkers' Kalyan Samity was held here at Jamalpur town recently.

Khondokar Anwar Hossain and Mostafa Jaman were elected President and Secretary respectively.

Another report adds: Is-lampur thana police recovered five maunds of ganja from village Belgasunder same thana of the district recently.

A case was filed with Is-lampur thana in this connection.

## BARGUNA

## Polythene bags causig health hazard

From Our Correspondent

Sept 18: Polythene bags, mostly used for shopping health hazard and polluting the environment in the district.

According to sources, the used bags dumped indiscriminately in the town and block drains causing water-logging.

The bags which do not either dissolve in water or in ground, remain undamaged and eventually affect the environment.

A survey conducted by the local elite reveals that over the recent years many factories were established to manufacture polythene bags here.

## RANGPUR

## New daily paper published

From Our Correspondent

Sept 18: A new local daily 'Dainik Juger Alo' was launched here on Wednesday, reports UNB.

The inaugural function was held in the newspaper office at QL Roy road. Information Minister Barrister Najmul Huda was present as chief guest.

He said present BNP government believe in the freedom of the press. Journalists should ventilate the grievances of the people objectively. They contribute much to the development of the country.

Local political leader and elite including Abdus Sattar, acting Editor of the daily and Editorial Board Chief Alhaj Rahimuddin were present on the occasion.

## KUSHITIA

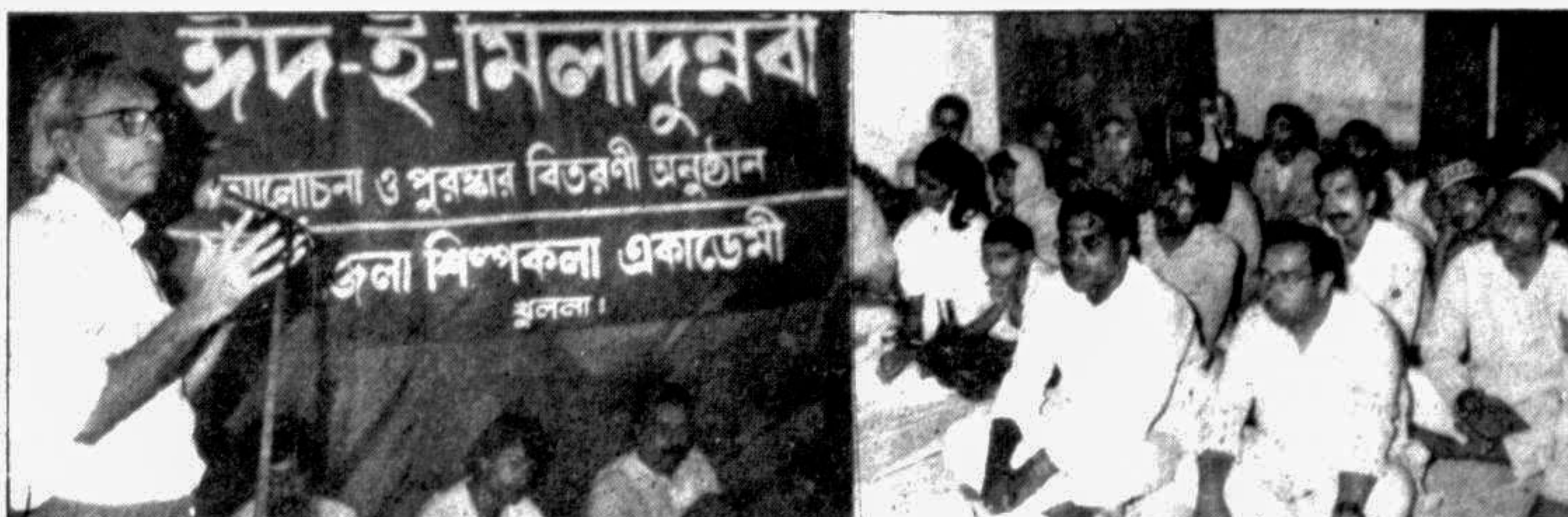
## Killing of JCD leader, Avik protested

From Our Correspondent

Sept 18: A public meeting held at Kushitia Public Library, premises under the auspices of Islamia College Chhatra Dal protested the killing of Chhatra Dal Leader Hassanuzzaman Avik recently.

Presided over by Shahdullah Shahid, VP Islamia College Students Union and Convener of Islamia College Chhatra Dal, the meeting demanded immediate arrest of those responsible for killing of Avik and exemplary punishment to the killers.

The meeting was addressed among others by Mirza Wahid Hossain, Asadullah Asad, Md. Atiar Rahman, Masudul Hlu, Md. Abdur Razzak and Mirza Bari Amin.



KHULNA: Principal Md Mazharul Hannan, General Secretary of the local Shilpakala Academy speaking at a discussion meeting on Eid-e-Miladunnabi at academy premises recently. Asaduzzaman Bhuiya, DC, Anwarul Kader, Mansurudullah Pahlawan and Aziz Hasan also spoke. — Star photo

## Erosion compels hundreds to leave houses in Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Sept 18: Erosion of the rivers Jamuna, Brahmaputra and Ghentia has taken serious turn during the last few weeks.

According to official sources, about 10,000 people in two thanas of Dewanganj and Islampur have abandoned their houses and moved to safer places during the period.

A large number of people have already taken shelter on the nearby flood control embankment.

Most of the affected people are labourers and farmers who are passing subhuman life in the absence of government assistance.

About 200 acres of cultivated land have been devoured at Pullah Kandi in Dewanganj thana of the district during the period.

It is reported that Harindhara Flood Control Embankment which was built at cost Taka three crore by Water Development Board but 60 per cent of the embankment have devoured by the river Jamuna due to negligence of the authorities.

At present Bahadurabad Railway Ferry Ghat is threatened.

From Our Correspondent

Meanwhile, diarrhoeal disease has broken out and affected people need immediate relief and medicare facilities.

During the period, two children in Mazipara under Dewanganj thana drowned while they go to swim in the rivers.

Relief has not yet been reached the erosion hit areas, local people said.

The worst affected unions are Dewanganj, Bakshiganj and Islampur.

Local people have urged upon the government to take immediate steps to stop the erosion.

A UNB report says: District unit of Jatiya Samik Party Tuesday brought out a procession demanding immediate release of Jube Sanghati President Saifur Rahman.

The processionists paraded the main thoroughfares of the town chanting various slogans. Later, they held a rally at the Station Road with Golap Ali in the chair. It was also addressed by Zamul Haq, Khandaker Hafizur Rahman Badsha and Ibrahim Khalil.

The speakers urged the government to summon the parliament immediately for taking decision to curb terrorism in the country.

BSS adds: A 17-member executive committee of regional unit of Roads and Highways (R and H) Karmachari Union was elected at a meeting held here recently.

Shahidur Rahman and Joyal Abedin were elected president and secretary respectively.

Installation ceremony of the committee was held at road subdivision premises with Shahidur Rahman in the chair.

The function was addressed among others by Brajendra Chandra Das and Z Q M Kamrul Ahsan, Subdivisional Engineers.

Two persons died of malaria at Gandhirpara in Taaokucha union under Jheenaigati union in Sherpur district recently.

Health department sources said a total of 42 persons of the area were infected so far as malaria patients of which two died.

The victims are Marjina Khaton (28) and Abdus Salam (50).

Sources said preventive measures are being taken to check spread of the disease.

## Notes from Netrakona

From Our Correspondent

NETRAKONA, Sept 18: Standing aus crop on about 30,000 acres of land have been seriously damaged by pamri pests in nine thanas of the district.

Farmers apprehend that production of the crop would fall far short of the target due to widespread attack.

They said, after the attack the paddy plants started turning yellowish.

The worst affected thanas are: Sadar, Barhatta, Kalkandanda, Kendua, Atpara, Durgapur, Mohanganj, and Modan.

## Primary education faces setback

The Universal Primary Education Programme (UPEP) — in all the 10 thanas of the district has been facing a setback due to manifold problems, including shortage of school building.

Officials said classes are being held under the open sky as most primary school houses were damaged by natural calamities during the last few years.

Shortage of teachers and educational appliances also hampered implementation of the programme, they said.

Price hike of educational materials pushed many students from poor families to discontinue their studies.

Local people alleged that the quota of teachers in the primary schools were not maintained properly.

## Diarrhoea claims ten, attacks 300 others

Diarrhoea claimed ten lives and attacked 300 others over the last one week in Netrakona sadar, Kalkandanda, and Mohanganj thanas of the district.

According to local people, three people died in Netrakona, six each in Kalkandanda and Mohanganj thanas.

The worst affected unions are: Lukuganj, Modanpur and Aumtula of Netrakona Sadar, char area of Kalkandanda and Madanpur of Mohanganj thanas.

Officials at Civil Surgeon's office here, however, denied the death report but admitted that some people have been affected by the disease.

## School boy killed in road accident

A school boy was killed in a road accident of Borobazar of Fulpur thana on Kendua-Mymensingh road recently.

Police and eyewitnesses said the victim Saim (15), son of Md Al-Faruk and a student of class ten of Fulpur High School, died on the spot when a Jessor-bound mini bus knocked him down from behind while he was crossing the road. The driver managed to flee with the vehicle. A case has been filed with the Fulpur police.

The accident occurred when a truck loaded with sands and stones lost control near Tetulia Bazar and fell into a nearby ditch.

The truck at a high speed, was coming down from the hilly area of Jhinaigati towards Sherpur.

The three victims riding on the truck was killed on the spot.

Local people rescued the injured people and rushed four of them to the Sadar Hospital. Driver fled the scene.

A case has been filed with the local police.

A report from Rangpur adds: Three people were killed in separate road accidents here last week, police sources said.

Eraj Ali (36) was run over by a jute loaded truck on Monday on the Damer Jal-Dhaka Road near Kaliganj bridge. According to witnesses, the man was run over by the truck when he was crossing the road.

A young man was also killed on the same day on Rangpur-Dinajpur Highway.

## Smuggled goods worth Tk 70.71 lakh seized

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Sept 18: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) seized smuggled goods worth over Taka 70.71 lakh and arrested nine alleged smugglers from different parts of the district last month, reports UNB.

Official source said, BDR men seized goods worth about Taka 69,60,425 lakh while being smuggled into the country and goods worth about Taka 1,11,220 lakh were seized while being smuggled out of the country.

The goods included cattle-head, sugar, sarree, bicycle, salt, yarn, polyester and cloth.

About 167 cases were filed with the police stations and customs offices in the district, the sources added.

A new cultural organisation styled as 'Baisahi Sangskritik Parishad' has been formed here.

A cultural function was held by the newly formed organisation at Shaheed Shatu Hall to mark its inauguration Sunday.

Additional District Magistrate Shamsul Alam and SP Nawabganj Md Abdur Rauf attended the function as chief and special guests.

The 17th installation ceremony of Lions Club of Faridpur was held Monday at local Kabi Jasimuddin Hall with a call to alleviate the sufferings of the distressed humanity.

Office-bearers elected for the year 1992-93 took their oath of office in a colourful function. Lion M Anwarul Haque, District Governor of Lion District 315-A conducted the oath of the office-bearers.

Lion Md Atiar Rahman, Lion Khalur Rahman Maznu and Lion Forkan Ahmed Khan were elected President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively for the year 1992-93.

## Smuggled goods worth Tk 2.50 lakh seized

RAJSHAHI, Sept 18: BDR personnel of 20 rifle battalion seized Indian smuggled goods worth about Taka two and a half lakh and arrested one of the smugglers Wednesday.

The seized goods included sarree, cloth, cow, bicycle, playing cards, rice, utensils etc.

The goods were deposited to customs office and the arrested smuggler was handed over to police.

Eight cases were filed in this connection.

## Kidnapped schoolgirl yet to be rescued

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 18: Police could not rescue the school girl even after 27 days of her abduction in Chauhali thana of the district, reports UNB.

Police and family sources said Jhorna (13), of the only daughter of Roushan Ali, of village Langalmura of the thana was kidnapped by a gang of miscreants led by Abdus Sattar a union parishad member.

Abdus Sattar, father of five children, a few days back sent proposal to marry Jhorna. But her father turned down the proposal. At this Abdus Sattar became furious and stormed the house of Roushan Ali along with his accomplices and abducted Jhorna. They also beat up the inmates of the house, the sources added.

Jhorna's father filed a case with the Chauhali police. Police so far arrested six persons but failed to rescue the girl.

Police here on Tuesday arrested one Jamaat activist Abdur Razzak of Basetganj of the poura area in connection with the killing of Freedom Fighter Chan Mia.

Sramik League leader and a worker of Sirajganj Spinning Mills Chan Mia was killed by some assailants on September 13.

The convener of district MuktiJoddah Sangsad SM Shahjahan condemned the killing of Chan Mia and held responsible Jamaat-Shibir activists for the killing.

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## Student killed in mishap, people block road for three hours

JHENIDAH, Sept 18: Communication was suspended on the Jhenidah-Jessore Highway for three hours following the death of a student in a road accident at Mobarakganj Sugar Mills Gate Wednesday, reports UNB.

Ashrafur Islam, who recently passed his SSC was run over by a Jhenidah bound minibus after he got down from it.

Ashrafur was the son of Dafadar of Sharsa thana.

Angry people of the area closed down the road in protest of the accident and demanded punishment for the responsible persons.

They also demanded for a speed breaker to be put up on the road. Meanwhile, police arrested the driver and seized the bus. The body of the victim was sent for autopsy to the local hospital.

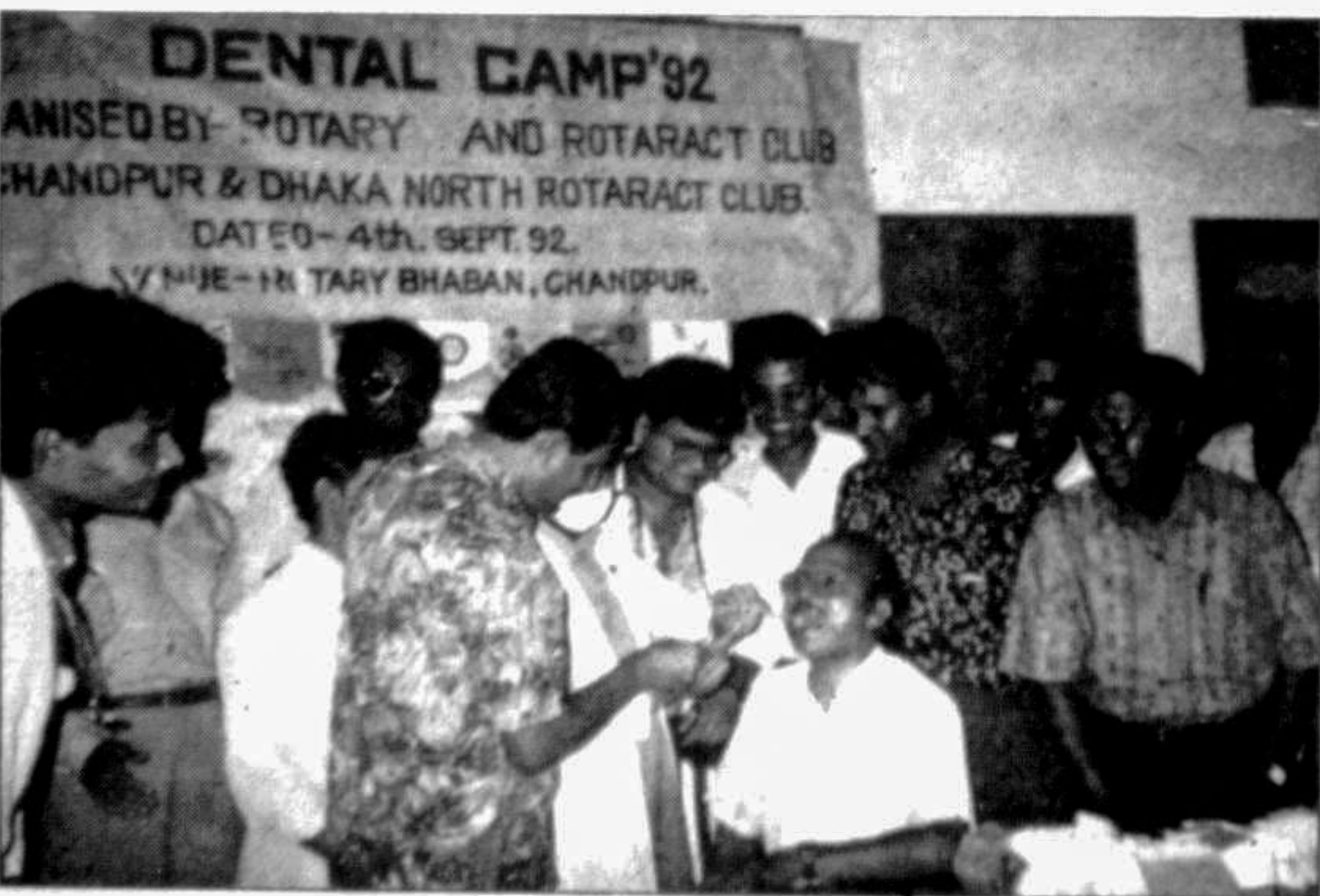
District unit of Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal held a meeting Thursday to observe the death anniversary of Shahjahan Noor Mithu, a JCD activist killed last year in a clash between rival groups of students.

The meeting organised at a local Agrani Bank Square was chaired by President of the unit Abdul Majid. Moshtur Rahman MP attended as the chief guest.

Shahiduzzaman Beltu MP and Abdul Wahab MP were also present.

Speakers at the meeting demanded arrest of the killers and punishment of the responsible persons by hanging.

Mithu was the former VP of Government KC College students union.



CHANDPUR: Local Rotary Club, Rotaract Club, and Dhaka North Rotaract Club jointly organised a dental camp here recently. — Star Photo