

## District roundup

## CHUADANGA

## Religious books distributed

From Our Correspondent

Sept 21: Under the auspices of the Chuadanga district-branch of Masjid Samaj Parisad, a projection meeting and distribution of religious books were held here at the local office premises of the organisation recently.

Hafez Maulana Mohammad Badiul Alam, Principal of the local Senior Alca Madrasa presided over the function while Prof. WA Kadir of Chuadanga Government College was present on the occasion as the chief guest.

Maulana AHM Mohiuddin, Imam of local Barabazar mosque was present on the occasion as the main speaker.

Qamrul Arifin, President of local Press Club was present there as the special guest.

Over one hundred selected Mokto teachers of the district managed by the Masjid Samaj Parisad took part in the ceremony.

All the said teachers were given religious books free of cost.

## KISHOREGANJ

## Stolen motorcycle recovered

From Our Correspondent

Sept 21: CID Police of Kishoreganj with the help of Muktagacha thana police recovered a stolen motorcycle in a raid from a house at Thanaghat Road of Mymensingh town recently.

Police took six persons in to custody on the charge of stealing the motor-cycle. Police sources said, the motor cycle bearing No-Kishoreganj (A-022-0052) was stolen from the Court Road residence of Advocate Omar Siddique near DC office on August 29 night.

CID police led by Inspector Khondakar Fazle Rahim in separate raids arrested Md. Masudul Alam alias Chan Miah (16), Md. Nasim Miah alias Nasim (16), Md. Parvez Hossain alias Lito (18), Md. Mahbubul Alam alias Alam (15), Bakul Miah (18) and Sultan Ahmed (34), from Kishoreganj and Muktagacha town. Later, on the basis of their confessional statement the motor-cycle was recovered.

A case was registered with Kishoreganj Police Station in this connection and later, they were produced before the Sadar thana magistrate court and court ordered to send them to jail.

## KURIGRAM

## Catching of fish fry unabated

From our Correspondent

Sept 21: Defying the government order, the fish fry are being caught indiscriminately in different parts of the district.

It is reported that a section of fishermen in all the nine thanas are catching fish fry of ruhi, katal, mrigel and magur from rivers, canals, and beels.

Every day, a huge quantity of different varieties of fish fry are being sold in different markets and bazars of the district.

It is learnt that some of the fishermen are using current nets for catching these fish fry.

They government has banned the catching of fish fry below nine inches to implement its open water fish production programme.

It is alleged that law enforcing agencies are often play a silent role to take only stringent action against the illegal catching of fish fry.

## COMILLA

## Apex club installation ceremony held

From Our Correspondent

Sept 21: The installation ceremony of Comilla Apex Club was held here at Nazrul Avenue at the town recently.

Apex Advocate Abdul Matin Khasru MP was present as chief in the installation ceremony while Apn T. Ali Mantu as special guest.

The district governor conducted the oath taking ceremony of the newly elected President Apn Abdul Malek, Secretary Abdul Aziz Masud along with eleven member executive committee of the local Apex Club.

The function was presided over by Apn Jahiruddin Dulal and Apn Abdul Malek (1). It was addressed among others by Principal Delwar Jahid, Advocate Atiqul Islam and Apn Shah Alam Nipu.

## BOGRA

## Bus dacoity foiled, 3 bandits held

Sept 21: Passengers and

conductors of Rajshahi bound bus foiled a dacoity bid on Gabindaganj Highway on Saturday and helped arrest three dacoits, reports UNB.

According to witnesses, a gang of seven armed dacoits in the guise of passengers suddenly attacked the passengers of the bus. But the passengers and conductors resisted them. And the driver drove the bus direct to Bogra police station with three dacoits.

Other four dacoits managed to escape from the running bus inflicting four passengers and two conductors seriously.

A case has been lodged with the police.

## FENI

## Aman farming plan taken up

Sept 21: A scheme has been

taken up to bring 1.79 lakh acres of land under aman cultivation in five thanas of the district, reports UNB.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, 25,000 acres of land were brought in Daganbhuiyan, 23,000 acres in Chhaganbuiya, 53,000 acres in Sonagazi, 43,000 in Feni Sadar and 33,000 in Pourshuram thanas.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation distributed high yielding variety seeds, fertilisers and other necessary inputs at fair prices among the farmers to make the scheme a success.

With the implementation of the scheme it is expected that at least 1.65 lakh metric tons of aman paddy will be produced during the current season.

BRAHMANBARIA

## Housewife commits suicide over family feud

From Our Correspondent

Sept 21: One Asma Begum (25), wife of Amirul Islam of village Barail under Ashuganj thana of the district committed suicide by taking poison over feud with her husband recently.

The body was sent to the sadar hospital for autopsy.

An unnatural death case has already been registered with Ashuganj thana in this regard.

In another incident, one Babul Miah of village Barail under Ashuganj thana threw acid on a young girl Nasima daughter of a Hannan of the same village while she was sleeping.

It is learnt that Babul Miah wanted to marry the victim. Being disappointed, he threw acid on her.

A case was filed with Ashuganj thana in this connection. Police nabbed Babul and his accomplice Salu Miah.

SIRAJGANJ

## 104 firearms recovered, 4709 held

From Our Correspondent

Sept 21: A total of 104 firearms, huge ammunition have been recovered and 4709 persons were arrested by police under Rajshahi division during Operation August '92.

It is gathered that the arrested persons includes 1227 in connection with cases, 2648 through warrant of arrest and 844 under section 54 BPC. The arrested persons were allegedly involved with different cases including toll collection and terrorism.

The recovered arms include 12 rifles, eight guns, 57 piteguns, 14 pistols, nine revolvers, four shutterguns, four cocktills, 846 rounds of bullet and one mortar shell.

SATKHIRA

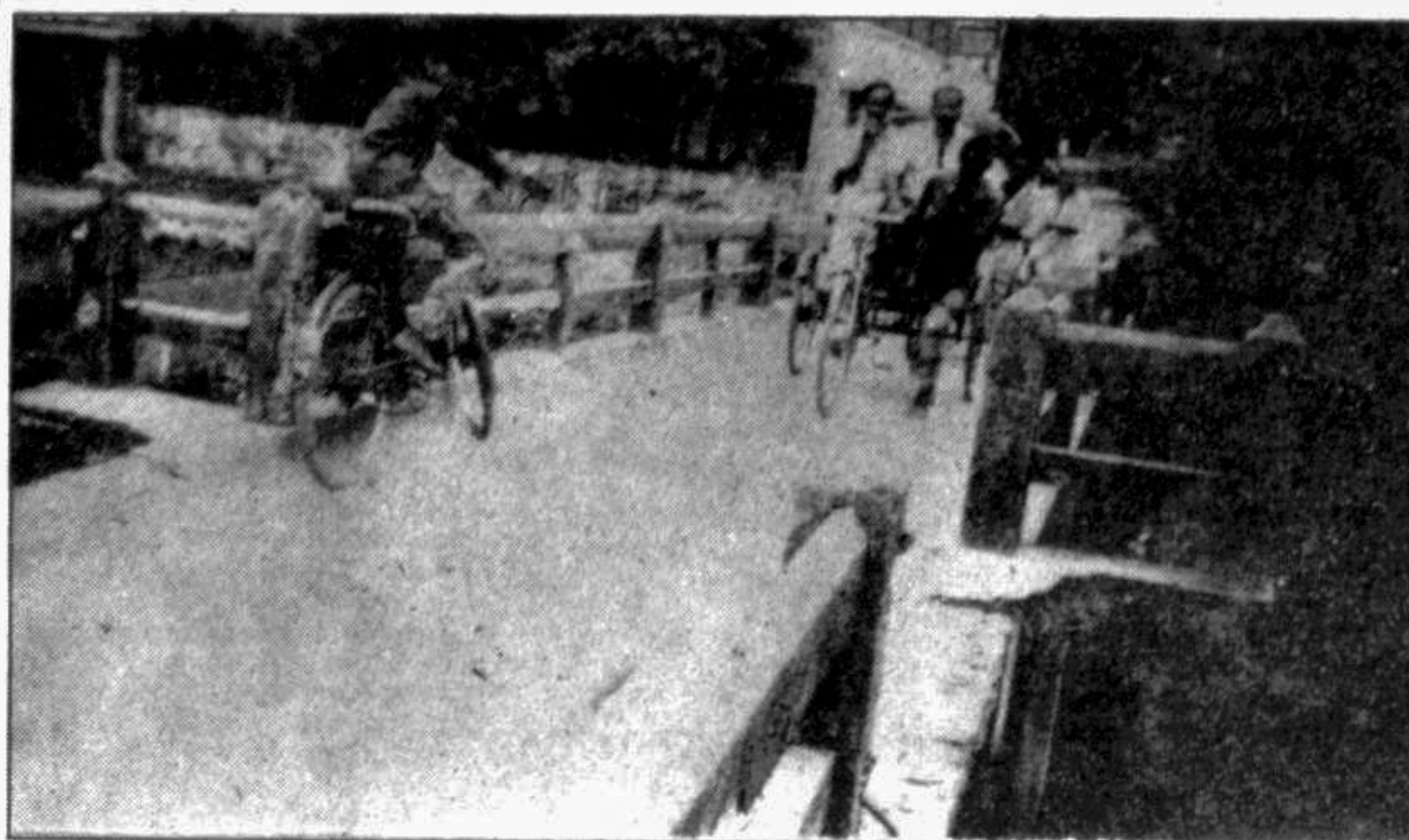
## Police seize Indian medical books

From Our Correspondent

Sept 21: Kalaroa thana police seized smuggled Indian medical books worth Taka 10 lakh from village Tulshidanga under Kalaroa thana of the district recently.

It is reported that acting on secret information, police raided the house of one Omar Ali of the said village and recovered Indian medical books from the house.

A case has been registered with Kalaroa Police Station in this connection.



NATORE: The major part of the railing of Liakat Bridge over the river Narad at the town have been damaged. Movement on it has become very much risky. — Star photo

## Diarrhoea kills 22, attacks 300 in Pabna

PABNA, Sept 21: Diarrhoea claimed at least 22 lives including 6 children and 4 women and attacked over 300 people in five thanas of the district during the last one month, reports UNB.

According to official sources, six died in Bera thana, 10 in Sadar thana, five in Athoria thana and one in Chatmohar thana.

The Civil Surgeon attributed the causes of the disease to the scarcity of drinking water and consumption of adulterated food.

He told UNB that 84 teams are working in the affected areas to combat the disease and the situation is now under control.

However, local people alleged that scarcity of oral

saline packets has been prevailing in the affected areas.

An outrageous man was nabbed while attempting murder of a minor boy after killing another in a field Friday night in a cruel revenge on their parents.

Police and local people said, Forkan (8) was strangled while Majbar (10) escaped the vengeance when villagers came in rescue hearing cries of the latter in the field at village Ghati in Sadar thana.

The alleged killer, Nabiruddin of neighbouring village Barochakshala, was caught and handed over to police.

The two boys were kidnapped and taken into the field for the cruelty.

Villagers believe Nabiruddin resorted to the heinous act to avenge himself on the parents of the victims over a village dispute.

The body was sent to morgue and a case filed in this connection.

## Scarcity of drinking water

JOIPURHAT, Sept 21: Acute

scarcity of drinking water has been prevailing in the Northern regions of the country due to persisting drought and inadequate tubewells, reports UNB.

Sources said 12,000 tubewells out of 1,54,005 have been lying out of order for a couple of months in the 16 northern districts.

Public Health Engineering Department, which had taken up a massive programme to install 25,000 Tara pumps in the region.

## Increase in prices of essentials

BARGUNA, Sept 21: Prices of essentials have registered a sharp rise at the local markets over the last few days intensifying hardship of the common people, reports UNB.

The prices of common varieties of rice, have gone up by Taka 1.50 to Taka 2 per kg. Atta is now being sold at Taka 10.50 per kg against Taka 9 a few days ago.

Soyabean oil, coconut oil, jira, masur dal now sell at Taka 37, Taka 90, Taka 150 and Taka 33 per kg respectively while these items were being sold at Taka 35, Taka 70, Taka 120 and Taka 30 a fortnight back.

Fish has gone beyond reach of the common people in all the local markets.

The price of the 20 medium size koi fish ranges from Taka 55 to 60 while its price was Taka 35 to 40 a fortnight ago. Price of four

medium size magur now ranges from Taka 50 to 60 against the previous price of Taka 30 to 40.

Mutton and beef now sell at Taka 90 and Taka 60 per kg respectively while prices of the same were Taka 80 and Taka 50 per kg a month back.

The price of poultry birds has recorded a steep rise too, going up to Taka 60 for a 500 gram piece.

Prices of vegetables have also gone up by Taka 3 to 7.

School about to collapse

Chonbunia Primary School of Burichar union in Sadar thana of the district has developed many cracks and holes and may collapse any day, teachers and guardians said.

Classes are still held in the dilapidated building with great risk as there is no alternative, they said.

Concerned authorities have been urged to take urgent steps to repair the building and equip the school with necessary furniture.

Number of engine boats on rise

Growing number of engine driven boats have been making it hard for rowing boatmen to earn a living, reports UNB.

It is reported that a large number of engine boats are ferrying passengers and cargo at Amtali, Bamna, Patharghata, Betagi and Barguna sadar.

As a result, manually operated boats remain idle and the boatmen are passing their days in extreme hardship with a meagre income.

The engine boats having no light and safety brakes are knocking down rowers at night besides polluting the atmosphere by emitting black smoke, sources said.

## People urged to carry forward politics of development

KALIGONJ (Satkhira), Sept 21: Communication Minister OH Ahmed on Saturday called upon the people to carry forward the politics of development and extend cooperation for the greater interest of the nation, reports BSS.

He was addressing a big public meeting at Shurawadi Park here.

Presided over by thana BNP President Advocate Sardar Amjad Hossain, the meeting was also addressed, among others, by district BNP President Advocate Shamsul Haque.

Oli Ahmed said, BNP under the epoch-heralding leadership of Begum Khaleda Zia has opened up a new vista of progress and development.

Regarding application of recent ordinance to curb some special type of offences, the

Minister said, those criticising the ordinance should rest assured that there would be no miscarriage of justice. He said, BNP could not do anything against the interest of the people as it gave the people the priceless taste of democracy and freed them from the clutches of unlawful rule which prevailed over the country for nine years. "It is now our turn to contribute mite, irrespective of political belief and application on to expedite the process," he added.

Oil Ahmed said, BNP had never been alienated from the members of the public, nor it would be detached from their will and woe. He said, "We do not run after votes, we rate the people very high and do politics to translate their dream into reality."

Later, the Minister addressed another huge public meeting at Shayamnagar under the same district.

Anti-terrorism Ordinance criticised

A UNB report from Narasingdi says: Jatiya Party leader Maudud Ahmed Thursday last criticised the Anti-terrorism Ordinance which, he said, intended to harass political opponents.

Maudud called upon all political parties to unite against the "undemocratic" ordinance. There will be no rule of law if it is allowed to enforce upon the people, he added.

He said terrorism could well be dealt with by existing laws if the government was sincere and screened out armed elements from its own party.

## Notes from Maulvibazar

From Our Correspondent

MAULVIBAZAR, Sept 21: Durber Juba Sangha of Dhiteswar village under Kamalganj thana of the district distributed old-clothes among the poor people of the area recently.

Durber Juba Sangha was formed recently. Leaders and workers of the Sangha collected these old-clothes from generous people of the locality.

Dulal Chandra Sharma informed the newsmen that clothes distribution programme will be continued and they also have taken some welfare programmes.

Samity distributes 10 rickshaw

Al-Ameen Sanchoyee Samity (Al-Ameen Saving Association) of Sreemongal thana distributed 10 rickshaws among the rickshaw-pullers, who are the member of the samity.

A function on the occasion of rickshaw distribution was held at Sreemongal Pourasava field recently with Ali Zia in the chair.

Shafquatul Wahed, President of Maulvibazar Press Club and Radhika Mohan Goswami, President of the Journalists Association of Maulvibazar district unit attended the function as chief guest and special guest. It was addressed among others by Advocate Mujibur Rahman, Mohasin Ahmed Modhu and Gopal Deb-Chowdhury.

Death condoled

A meeting to condole the death of Abdul Zabbar, a noted politician, former MP and former Upazila chairman and a central leader of Bangladesh Krishak League was held at Kulaura Dakbangla premises recently.

The condolence meeting was presided over by Abdul Latif Khan and it was addressed among others by Nawab Ali Abbas Khan MP, former DUCSU VP Sultan Muhammad Monsur Ahmed, Ex-Upazila Chairman Abdul Matin, Abdur Rahim of BNP, Rafiqul Islam of Awami League, Khondaker Lutfur Rahman of CPB, Shafi Uddin of JSD, Strajuddin Ahmed Badshah of Gonotontri Party.

Rejaur Rahman of Advocate Association, Sayed Jamaluddin of Businessmen Association and Khurshed Ullah of High School Teachers Association.

The Speakers recalled the contributions of the late Awami League leader and Freedom Fighter to the democratic and progressive movement of the country.

It may be mentioned that Abdul Zabbar (49) died of heart attack on August 28.

Youngman commits suicide

A youngman, Md Rafique Miah (18), son of Md Sunu Miah of village Keola under Rajnagar thana committed suicide by taking poison at his village home recently over family feud.

His body was sent to morgue for autopsy and a case has been registered with police.

Inter-school football final held

The final match of the thana inter-school football tournament of Rajnagar thana was held last week at Rajnagar High School play-ground.

Kadamthaha High School won the championship trophy beating Sunapur High School by 2 goals.

Reports from Baralekha thana says, PC High School of Baralekha won the championship trophy in Baralekha thana inter-school football competition. PC High School team beating Itauri High School by 1 goal.

Husband tortured wife to death

LALMONIRHAT, Sept 21: A woman was killed allegedly by her husband at Hatkhola area of the town on Tuesday, reports UNB.

According to a case filed with the police, Hasina (25) was tortured by her husband Akbar Ali Maker for the whole night and then her body was hung with a rope to show as if she had committed suicide.

Another report adds: Four people were arrested for possessing a Chinese axe and drugs.

Manzur Ali (22) was arrested from Burir Bazar of sadar thana for keeping illegal arms and Abdul Hamid, Dulal and Akbar Ali caught red-handed from Lichu Bagan area while they were having heroin.

## 200-bed hospital to be set up at Jamalpur

JAMALPUR, Sept 21: A 200-bed general hospital is to be set up here to meet the additional demand for medical service in the district headquarters, reports UNB.

The project has been approved and included in the Annual Development Programme of the current fiscal year, an official source said here.

Three ambulances and two x-ray machines have also been sanctioned and one blood bank has been established in the district, the source said.

The ambulance and x-ray machine were handed over by Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Serajul Huq recently.

Meanwhile, the annual allocation of Taka 38 lakh for medical expenses in the seven thana health complexes of the district has been described as top inadequate by the local leaders.

Out of the total amount, Taka 23 lakh had already been spent for purchasing essential hospital materials. The remaining Taka 15 lakh would be available for purchasing medicines for the 15 lakh people of the district which, the local leaders said was only Taka one per head.

A renowned Freedom Fighter of Sreebordi thana, Mahbubur Rahman Selim died of heart attack at PG Hospital in the capital on Tuesday. He was 47.

## Huge contraband goods seized, 5 Indians held

SATKHIRA, Sept 21: Bangladesh Rifles of Nildumur border area seized smuggled goods and arrested eight people including five Indian nationals from Patakhali village on Friday, reports UNB.

Acting on secret information, BDR jawans raided the area and seized goods including Indian sugar, spare parts, bicycle and two trucks.

The Indian nationals Taz Gazi, Jahangir, Straj, Babar Ali, Abdur Rashid of village Nehalpur in 24 Parganas of India and three Bangladeshis were sent to jail hajat.

Later, the goods were handed over to the local Customs and a case has been filed with the police.

A report from B'Baria says: Bangladesh Rifles seized smuggled goods worth Taka 38,090 from a local passenger train at the Brahmanbaria Rail Station on Saturday.

Acting on secret information, BDR raided the Bhairab Bazar bound passenger train and recovered the smuggled goods.

The goods included Indian sarees, sugar and molasses.

Later, the goods were handed over to the local Customs officials.

A case has been filed with the police.

District Narcotics and Liquor Department recovered 550 grams of ganja and three ganja trees from Maurail and Medda villages of the district on Saturday.

Acting on a tip, the officials raided the houses of Akhtar Hossain and Hashem Mia and recovered the ganjas. Villagers said, both the men were involved in ganja cultivation for a long time.

A case was filed with the local police.

Another report from Lalmonirhat adds: Bangladesh Rifles seized a huge quantity of contraband goods from a house here and arrested two women in this connection.

The BDR jawans of 15th Battalion raided the house at Refugee Colony Para Friday and seized contraband items including 600 pieces of Indian sarees, 250 blouse pieces and 20 bundle of cotton cloth.



SATKHIRA: The teachers of the local non-government schools recently brought out a procession in support of their 5-point demands. — Star photo

## Sixteen get life-term for broad day light murder

BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 21: Sixteen persons were sentenced to life-term for killing a man, court sources said here today, reports UNB.

The convicted were also fined Taka 5,000 each or, in default, to suffer rigorous imprisonment for one year more.

According to the prosecution story, Yunus Miah of Mashaura village in sadar thana was strangled to death in broad day light on May 16, 1986 by the accused persons.

A case was filed and police after investigation submitted charge sheet against 24 persons.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge after examining the records and witnesses awarded the punishment to the 16 accused and acquitted eight others last week.

The convicted are ex-UP Chairman Abdul Barek, Annu Miah, Ali Miah, Amir Hossain, Manu Mia, Moslem Mia, Abdul Motalib, Abdul Mannaf, Abdus Sobhan, Abdul Malek, Kula Mia, Abdul Nasim, Khelu Miah, Abdur Rashid, Abdul Awal and Harun Miah.

Two imprisoned for dowry demand

Another report from Sirajganj adds: Two men were given four years rigorous imprisonment for demanding dowry by the magistrate of sadar thana Thursday.

According to prosecution story, Akkas Ali (27) married Selina Khatun (18) in 1990 and took Taka 5,000 as dowry with the help of his brother-in-law Abdul Halim Munshi.

Akkas demanded taka 5,000 more after one year of their marriage which Selina refused to bring from her poor father.

Enraged Akkas started torturing her and finally forced her out of the house.

## Envelopes, post cards worth Tk 50,000 damaged

FENI, Sept 21: At least 30,000 postal envelopes and post cards worth about Taka 50,000 have been damaged on the wet floor of the Feni Post Office, reports UNB.

According to a source, the damaged postal materials were kept under lock and key in three boxes in the Feni Treasury Building where the post office is located.

The district administration has formed a three-member inquiry committee headed by Additional District Magistrate Nurul Haque to investigate the cause of destruction of the government property and fix up responsibility.

A seminar on rat killing campaign was held here at the sadar thana auditorium on Thursday.

Local Agricultural Extension Department (AED) arranged

the seminar as part of the nationwide rat killing campaign.

Presided over by Deputy Commissioner Delwar Hossain, the seminar was addressed by Deputy Director, AED, Gias Uddin Ahmed, Thana Nirbahi Officer M. Abdus Samad, Annatuddin and Nasirul Islam.

Four held with 70 maunds of electric wires

JAMALPUR, Sept 21: Four persons were held with 70 maunds of stolen electric wires worth taka three lakh in Bakshiganj Upazila recently, reports BSS.

Abdul Wahab, Chairman Bager Char Union detected the wire in a boat on the river Jamuna and held Akkas, Manaruddin, Bacheo and Sharaf.



RANGPUR: The distressed women are taking training on handicrafts. The training is conducted by a local social welfare organisations. — Star photo