

District roundup

SIRAJGANJ One gets life-term for killing grandfather

From Our Correspondent Oct 23: Mohammad Abdul Hakim Mandal, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sirajganj in a judgement delivered recently awarded life-term imprisonment and fined amounting to Taka 5,000 in default more one year imprisonment to one Al-Mahmood for killing his grandfather Nur Mohammad.

BARISAL Int'l Children's Day observed

Oct 23: The International Children's Right Day was held at the blind school premises here recently, reports BSS. Arranged jointly by Social Welfare Department, Bangladesh Shishu Academy, Khelagar and Kachikantha, the function was attended by Khalilur Rahman, ADC (General), as chief guest. Sajedur Rahman, Secretary of Barisal unit of Kachikantha, was special guest in the function.

RAJBARI Two killed in road mishap

Oct 23: Two persons were killed and four others injured in a bus accident in Pangsha thana of the district on Sunday night, reports UNB.

PABNA AL factional clash leaves 11 injured

Oct 23: At least 11 people were injured, six of them seriously, in a clash between rival factions of Awami League at Shalgaria area of the town Monday last, reports UNB.

KISHORGANJ Five persons die of diarrhoea

From Our Correspondent Oct 23: Five persons died of diarrhoea in the district Monday last. The victims are: Aleya Banu (6) and Saleha Khatun (5) of village Satuda, Nasima Khatun (8) of village Kanarchar under Bazitpur thana, Parul (28) of village Tuta Aldi under Hossainpur thana and Kajal Dhar (12) of village South Gobindapur under Hossainpur thana.

Witnesses said, the clash ensued as a sequel to rivalry between the two groups led by ex-MP Rafiqul Islam Bakul and former Sadar Upazila Chairman Sheikh Shahidullah Bachchu respectively over the issue of forming district AL committee. Seriously injured Jahangir Hossain, 28, Mokal, 26, Md. Habul, 27, Kalu Miah, 42, Julmut Ali, 35, and Nasruddin, 23 were admitted to Pabna Sadar Hospital.

BARGUNA Head post office faces problems

From A Correspondent Oct 23: The Barguna head post office has been facing various problems. The main post office building was constructed in 1972 as a sub-post office. In 1984, Barguna has turned into district town and the work in the post office has increased.

GOPALGANJ Kidnapped housewife rescued

From Our Correspondent Oct 23: A housewife, Beauty Rani Biswas (20) wife of Arun Kumar Bishwas of village Sreepur under Bhagharpara thana in Jessore district was rescued by Bhagharpara police on the midnight of October 9, from Narail Sadar police station area.

CHUADANGA Dacoity in minibus

From Our Correspondent Oct 23: A dacoity in minibus was committed near at village Puropara recently on Chuadanga-Darsana bus route about six miles off from here.



SYLHET: The long-route coaches are seen parking on the main road at Bhathakhola area haphazardly which creates much inconveniences to other vehicles and pedestrians. — Star photo

Sale of smuggled goods open

From Our Correspondent BOGRA, Oct 23 Smuggling of Indian goods and sale of these goods have become regular here in the absence of requisite police action. Forced 500 and 100 taka currency notes have also flooded the local rural markets. It is gathered that the smugglers are involved with the illegal currency note business.

handed over to the local customs officials. BSS from Kushtia adds: The Bangladesh Rifles personnel in an anti-smuggling drive Monday seized 30 Indian cattle worth Taka four lakh from village Ganeshpur under Koksha thana.

The smuggled goods reach here through Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Chapainawabganj, Joypurhat, Lalmonirhat and Rajshahi and these are being transported to other places of the country. It is reported that the sale and transportation of these illegal goods are going on unrestricted. Local Mahastan Hat is known for selling and buying of Indian cattle.

In another operation the BDR seized 20 Indian cattle valued at Taka one lakh and sixty thousand from Hosnabad of Daulatpur thana recently. An official source said the seized cattle were handed over to the Kushtia Customs and Excise authorities.

The task force consists of police, BDR and customs sometimes conduct raid but fail to recover illegal goods. But immediately after the operation, the sellers and buyers are

active in bordering areas of the district and neighbouring Jessore despite top alert in both sides of the border due to push in operation.

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The BDR personnel of Battalion -2 at Jessore Wednesday seized banned goods worth about Taka 4,42,765 from different points of bordering areas and arrested Abul Kashem from Sharsha thana in this connection.

The carriers of smuggled goods bear slips issued by the law enforcing agencies at regular payment from the smugglers. It is reported. It is reported that the most of the police personnel are paid money regularly to avoid arrest.

The seized goods include cloth, 18 bottles of alcohol, two cows and 950 grams of silver. Earlier, police seized six cows (Hariana) worth about Taka two lakh.

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Separate cases were registered with the police. A report from Magura says: A young man was killed by felling from a roof top of a coach on Magura-Kamarkhal road in the district on Tuesday.

The Water Development Board is implementing the project with financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank. About 80 per cent work has been completed and the rest is expected to be commissioned by March next year.

The victim, identified as Babu Mia (25) of Bokhar village in Jessore, was travelling on the roof of the Jessore bound night coach suddenly fell on the road while the coach was crossing a diversion road. He was rushed to the

Magura Sadar Hospital in critical condition where he succumbed to his injuries. A case was registered with the local police. The body was sent to the morgue for autopsy.

Seven killed in road accidents

FENI, Oct 23: Five people were killed and seven injured in separate road mishaps on Feni-by-pass road last week, reports UNB.

Another report from Satkhira says: One person was run over by a speeding bus on the Satkhira-Jessore highway Thursday.

The dead were identified as Abdul Wahab (30), Abdul Hakim (25) and Lal Mia (30) of Tarahata village in Rangpur. The injured were admitted to the Feni Sadar Hospital.

Romesh Dutta of Morarikati of Kalaroa thana of the district (45) was hit by the killer bus (Khuina metro Ja 0014) and died instantaneously while he was returning home from Jhaudanga bazar.

A minor school girl was run over by a speeding bus while she was crossing the road on October 15. The victim Parvin Akhter (10), a student of class five of a

Police seized the bus and arrested the driver. The body has been sent to the hospital for autopsy.

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Across the country

Shahjadpur Kuthibari still a market place

by Ashit Choudhury

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 23:- The historical "Kacharibari" of poet Rabindranath Tagore at Shahjadpur is now being taken care of by the Archeological Department. But it has yet to draw attention of the visitors from home and abroad due mainly to bad communication and extreme lack of publicity.

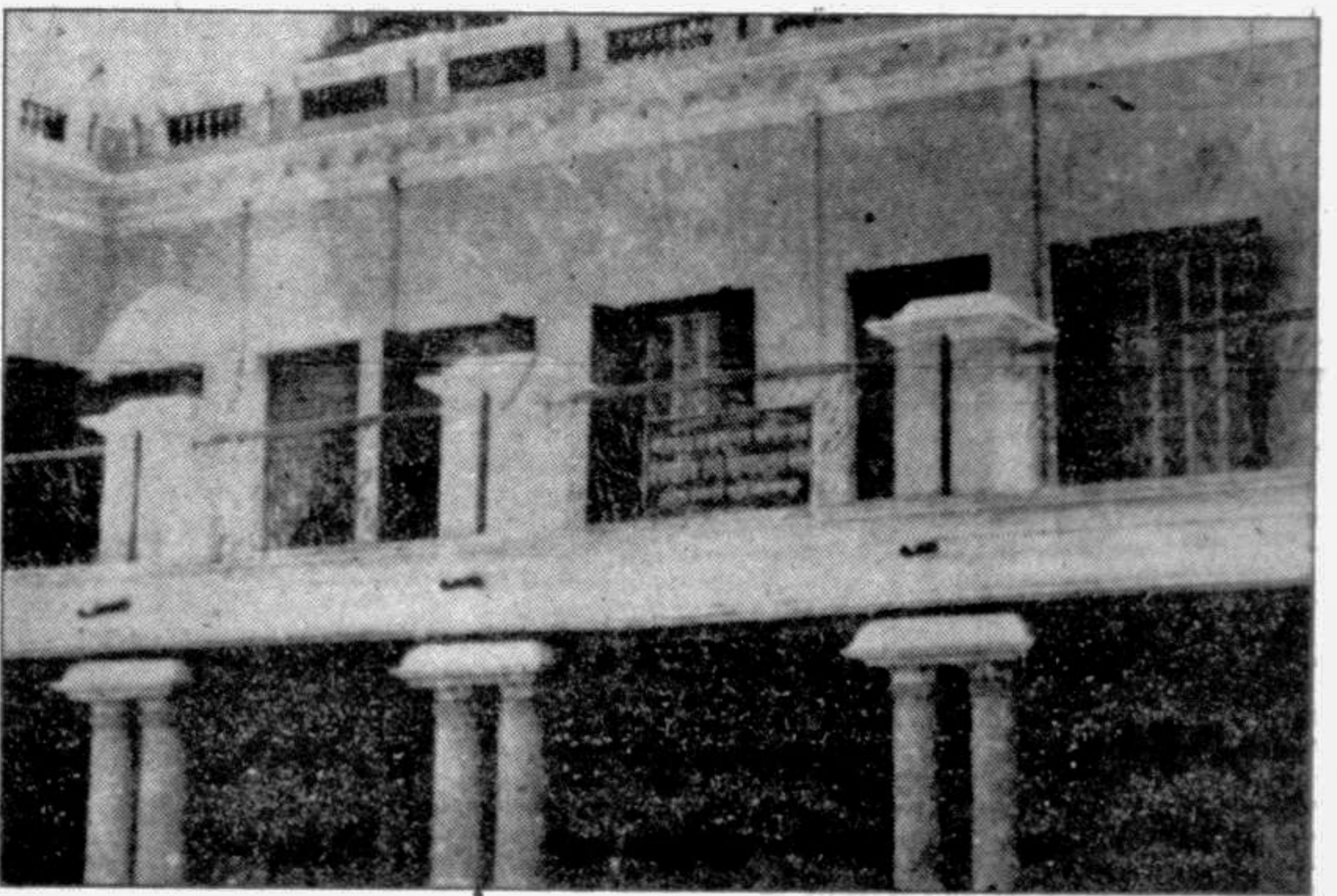
Rabindra Parshad and another part is used as the local Tehsil office of the Revenue Department. The main building was handed over to the Archeological Department in 1969. Zahrul Islam, Assistant custodian of the department have been looking after the building for about four years.

so they cannot leave the house of Tagore. However, on May 8 last during the national observance of the Tagore birth anniversary the herd of pigs that they tend were taken away from the Kacharibari area only to be brought back after about a week.

The "Kacharibari" area was once in the territory of Rani Bhabani of Natore. When this part of the Zemindary was auctioned in 1840, Prince Dwaraka Nath Tagore, grandfather of Rabindranath, purchased it at 13 Taka and a half. Ever since it was controlled by the Tagore family till the abolition of the Zemindary system in 1950.

The poet also composed here a considerable part of the letters of Chinna-Patrabali, Panchabhat and drama "Bisarjan". The character "Ratan" of short story "postmaster" was taken up from local Bagdipara, only one kilometre from the Kacharibari. Still the descendant of Ratan are living in the village.

The Rabindra Parshad has complained that on the occasions of birth and death anniversaries of Tagore, valuable reproductions of Tagore paintings and other works are brought from Dhaka and after conclusion the functions, all these things are taken away. They demand the re-excavation of 'Khonkarer Jawla' of make the environs of the area inviting.



SIRAJGANJ: A view of Rabindra Kacharibari at Shahjadpur. — Star photo

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poison following a family feud. Cases were filed with the police. Our Chuadanga Correspondent adds: One Ambia Khatun aged about 20 years, wife of one Shahadat Ali of village Subdia under Chuadanga Sadar thana committed suicide by taking poison recently. She was suffering from pain.

Tk 90 lakh Sonali Bank money misappropriated

RANGPUR, Oct 23: About Taka 90 lakh have been misappropriated from Sonali Bank main branch of the district by a senior officer of the bank, reports UNB.

Stone statue of 'Narayan' recovered

DINAJPUR, Oct 23: Bangladesh Rifles recovered a precious statue from Sadar thana of the district on Saturday, reports UNB.

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JAMALPUR: The erosion-hit Pullah Kandipara village under Dewanganj thana of the district. — Star photo