District roundup

SIRAJGANJ

One gets life-term for killing grandfather

From Our Correspondent Oct 23: Mohammad Abdul Hakim Mandal, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Siraigani in a judgement deliv-

ered recently awarded lifeterm imprisonment and fined amounting to Taka 5,000 in default more one year imprisonment to one Al-Mahmood for killing his grandfather Nur Mohammad.

According to the prosecution, Al-Mahmood, son of late Shah Jamal of village Saraidaha in Raiganj thana killed his grandfather Nur Mohammad following previous family feud. After lodging a case, Raiganj police submitted chargesheet against accused Al-Mahmood.

The judge, after examining the witnesses and evidences awarded the aforesaid punishment to the accused per-

Assistant Public Prosecutor Advocate Ismail Hossain stood for the Government and Advocate Abul Kashem defended the accused person in burst near Charpara area at the court.

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.

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, Mokai, 26, Md. Habul, 27, Kalu Miah, 42, Julmut Ali, 35, and Nasiruddin, 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

The post office building is very old and the rain water comes inter into the room through the leakages during rainy season and it becomes very difficult to protect valuable deeds and stamps.

In comparison with the volume of work, the number of employees is inadequate. Out of 18 staff only 6 persons have been performing the official

There is no mail clerk, and account assistant. Shortage of peon and furniture and accommodation problem hamper the work.

No work for extension and repair have been made in the post office for a long. When contacted, post-mas-

ter, informed this correspondent that as there is no separate room for his work. He has been facing difficulties in conducting the day to day work.

SYLHET

One held with smuggled Indian bidis

From Our Correspondent. Oct 23: The BDR seized Indian smuggler bidis alongwith a countryboat while these were being smuggled into the country from a border area of Gowainghat thana recently. They also arrested a smuggler, said an official source.

According to the reports, on getting secret informations. a contingent of BDR made an ambush in the early hours on the day of incident in the river Katakhali near the village Jatanata. A gang of about 20 people when reached at a nearby place by an engine boat, the BDR men challenged them. They managed to flee from there, but one failed. The BDR men caught one Md Muhib of village Chargram under Gowainghat thana, from the boat.

Later, they recovered to 10.16 lakh sticks of Indian bidis from the boat. The cost of the bidis and the seized boat would be about Taka forty thousand, informed an official. A case in this connection had already been registered with the police.

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, Khelaghar 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.

A cultural function was also held in this connection.

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.

Police said the Habashpurbound microbus (Bogra Ba-1153) plunged into a roadside ditch after one of its tyres 11 pm, killing two people on

The dead were identified as Atiur Rahman, 28, and Abdur Razzaque, 25, of Maguradangi village in Pangsha thana.

The injured Balai Ghosh, 35, Ayub Ali, 40, Akkas Ali, 35, and Liton, 17, were rushed to Pangsha Hospital in critical conditions.

The driver of the bus managed to flee.

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.

The death toll in diarrhoea during the last one month rose to 51, official sources said. However, unofficial sources claimed 190 people died and about 800 people have been attacked by the diseases in the district during the some period.

A total 25 medical teams have been working in the affected areas to combat the diseases, civil surgeon office source informed. But the medical facilities are meagre, it is alleged.

GOPALGANJ

Kidnapped housewife rescued

From Our Correspondent

Oct 23: A house-wife, 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

It is learnt that she was kidnapped by some miscreants on her way back from the ceremony Bijoya Dashami in the after soon.

A kidnapping case was filed with the Bhagharpara thana, in this connection by her uncle, Annonda Kumar.

The officer-in-charge of Bhagharpara Police Station, Akbar Hossian with a contingent of police searched out several areas of Narail police station and traced Beauty Rani Biswas in the midnight on the

Sabur, Moslem and Saifur Rahman of the area were arrested in this connection.

CHUADANGA

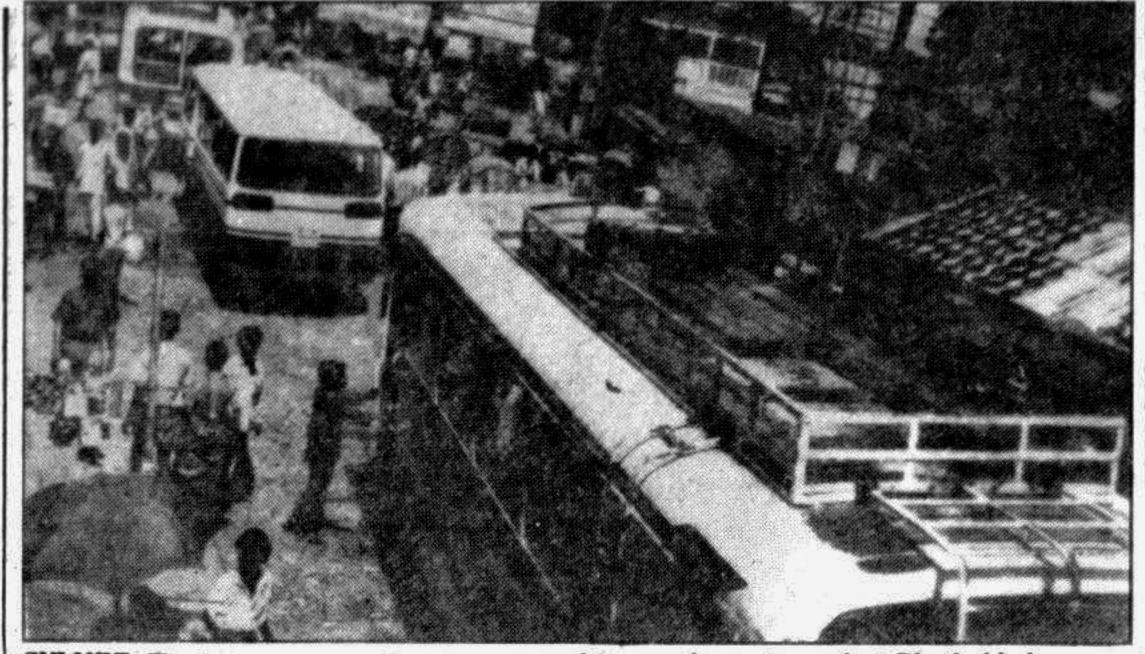
Dacoity in minibus

From Our Correspondent

Oct 23: A dacotty in minibus was committed near at village Puropara recently on Chuadanga -Darsana bus route about

six miles off from here. The minibus was coming to Chuadanga from Jessore along with some passengers. When the minibus reached near village Puropara, the dacoits numbering 5 to 6 who were travelling as passengers brought out their daggers and at daggers point the dacoits snatched away cash taka, wrist watch and golden rings from the passengers worth about Taka 30 thousand. After committing dacoity, the dacoits

fled away A case has been started with the Damurhuda Police Station in this regard.



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

It is reported that the bor-

der belt areas of Jaypurhat,

Chapainawabganj and Pan-

chagarh districts have become

reduced to a great extent for

rise in smuggling and conse-

quently the local industries

Bangladesh Rifles seized huge

quantity of Indian goods worth

about Taka 3.60 lakh and ar-

rested two persons from dif-

ferent places of the district

Acting on a tip, BDR jawans

raided the inter-city train

The sale of local goods has

UNB from Feni says:

the paradise of smugglers.

secn active.

suffering much.

during last week.

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 busi-

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. The smuggled goods includ

ing sarees, sugar, oil, glass, pesticides, cosmetics, medicine and spices are being sold here before the law enforcing

Every one can buy any goods of his choice within a short time, local people informed. It is learnt that the dishon-

est people in cooperation with the law enforcing agencies smuggle Indian goods and sell those in different markets. Phensidyl has flooded the

markets of the district. These are now coming in big containers. It is now available in small tea shops. Indian sugar is also being

sold in huge quantity. The buyers buy Indian sugar as it is cheaper than the local prod-Women mostly poor are

selling Indian sarees and other goods from door to door. These women can supply any of the Indian goods within a very short time. 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 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

FENI, Oct 23: Five people

were killed and seven injured

in separate road mishaps on

Feni-by-pass road last week,

killed and seven others injured

when a truck (Na-2028) fell

into a roadside ditch while

trying to overtake another one

at Fazilpur on Monday after-

· The dead were identified as

Abdul Wahab (30), Abdul

Hakim (25) and Lal Mia (30) of

The injured were admitted

A minor school girl was ran

The victim Parvin Akhter

over by a speeding bus while

she was crossing the road on

(10), a student of class five of a

Tarahata village in Rangpur.

to the Feni Sadar Hospital.

Three labourers were

reports UNB.

October 15.

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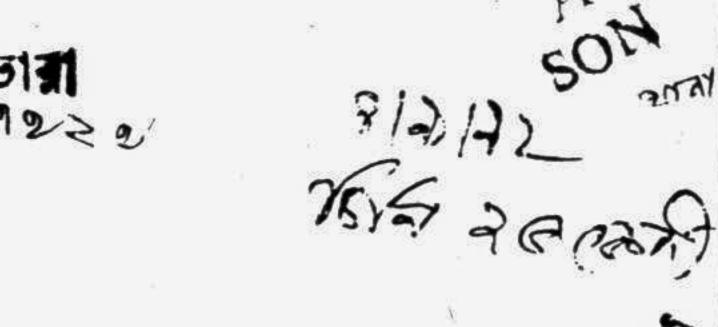
handed over to the local customs officials.

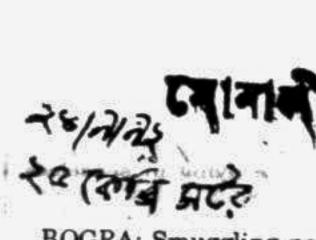
BSS from Kushtia adds: The Bangladesh Rifles personnel in an anti-smuggling drive Monday seized 30 Indian cattle worth Taka four lakh from village Ganeshpur under Koksha thana.

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.

A UNB report from Jhenidah adds: Smuggling is





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BOGRA: Smuggling pass allegedly issued by the law enforcing agencies.

'Urmi Godholi' at Fazilpur station on October 9 and recovered 799 pieces of Indian sarees and 800 match boxes worth about Taka 2.72 lakh.

In another raid at Feni bazar they seized contraband goods worth about Taka 24,000 on October 4. On the same day the jawans recovered goods worth about Taka 35,000 from a bus on Feni By-Pass Road.

The BDR jawans stopped a truck loaded with Indian timber in bordering area of Chhagalniya and seized 170 cft timber worth about Taka 86,000 and arrested Nurul Islam and Nurunnabi in this connection.

The seized goods were Taka two lakh

Seven killed in road accidents

Daganbhuyan thana died on the

In another incident.

Separate cases were regis-

A report from Magura says:

A young man was killed by

felling from a roof top of a

coach on Magura-Kamarkhali

road in the district on

Babu Mia (25) of Bokchar vil-

lage 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

JAMALPUR: The erosion-hit Pullah Kandipara village under Dewanganj thana of the dis-

He was rushed to the

The victim, identified as

Shamsul Haq (50) was crushed

under the wheels of a speeding

local primary school

spot after hit by the bus.

truck on October 16.

tered with the police .

Tuesday.

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

The seized goods include cloth, 18 bottles of alcohol, two cows and 950 grams of

Earlier, police seized six cows (Hariana) worth about

Magura Sadar Hospital in criti-

cal condition where he suc-

A case was registered with

Another report from

Romesh Dutta of Morarikati

the local police. The body was

sent to the morgue for autopsy.

Satkhira says: One person was

ran over by a speeding bus on

the Satkhira-Jessore highway

of Kalaroa thana of the district

(45) was hit by the killer bus

(Khulna metro Ja 0014) and

died instantaneously while he

was returning home from

Police seized the bus and

The body has been sent to

cumbed to his injuries.

Thursday.

Jhaudanga bazar

arrested the driver.

the hospital for autopsy

Construction of

8 sluice gates in progress

MAGURA, Oct 23 : Construction work is in progress on eight regulator-cum-sluice gates on river Kumar by the side of the town at a total cost of Taka 6.50 crore.

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.

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. The audit team from the

the papers found out the defalcation on Sunday last. A high official of the bank

head office on examination of

said later that the Principal Officer has been abstaining from his duties in the bank since Saturday last.

Stone statue of 'Narayan' recovered

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

the district administration.

pur and recovered the black stone statue of "Narayan". The statue weighing about 126 kg and valued about Taka 60 lakh was handed over to

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 Archelogical Department. But it has yet to draw attention of the visitors from home and abroad due mainly to bad communication building for about four years. and extreme lack of publicity. Rabindranath came to The Tagore estate revenue of-Shahzadpur occasionally from fice may be turned into a tourist spot by taking some steps including construction of an approach road connecting it with the North Bengal highway

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 abo lition of the Zemindary system in 1950. The 'Kacharibari', popularly

and infrastructural improve-

ment of the surrounding area

known as the "Kuthibari" of Rabindranath is situated at the heart of Shahzadpur Thana Sadar by the side of river Karotoa, locally known as the 'Khonkarer Jawla'. The river is now silted and the very approach of the building is disturbed. The Shahzadpur haat sits twice in a week on Monday and Thursday cousins heavy rush in the Kuthibari area. The Kacharibari is a two storied building. Previously it was used - as Nilkuthi. It is 26 point 85 meters long, 10 point 20 meters wide and 8 point 74 meters high. There are seven rooms in each storey. A part of the Kacharibari is now used as office of Shahzadpur

Rabindra Parishad 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

1891 to 1896. While staying here, he wrote many stores and poems. Baishanab Kabita, Dui Pakhi, Akaser Chand, Puraskar, Hriday Jammuna, Byatha Jouban, Bhara Bhadore, Protyakhyan, and Lajja of Sonar Tari, Chitra, Shite-o-Basante, Nagar Sangit of Chitra, Nadi, Jatra, Mrityu and Madhuri of Chaitali, Nababiraha, Lajjita and other eight poems of Kalpana were written here. Besides short stories like Postmaster, Ramkanaier Nirbuddhita. Byabadhan, Taraprasanner Kirti, Chhuti, Samapti, Khudhita Pashan and Atithi were written at Shahzadpur.

The poet also composed here a considerable part of the letters of Chinna-Patrabali, Panchabhut 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. A sweepers' colony inside

the Kacharibari is causing pollution to the area. The government tried to rehabilitate the sweepers elsewhere but they refused to take the opportunity saying that their forefathers came with poet Tagore,

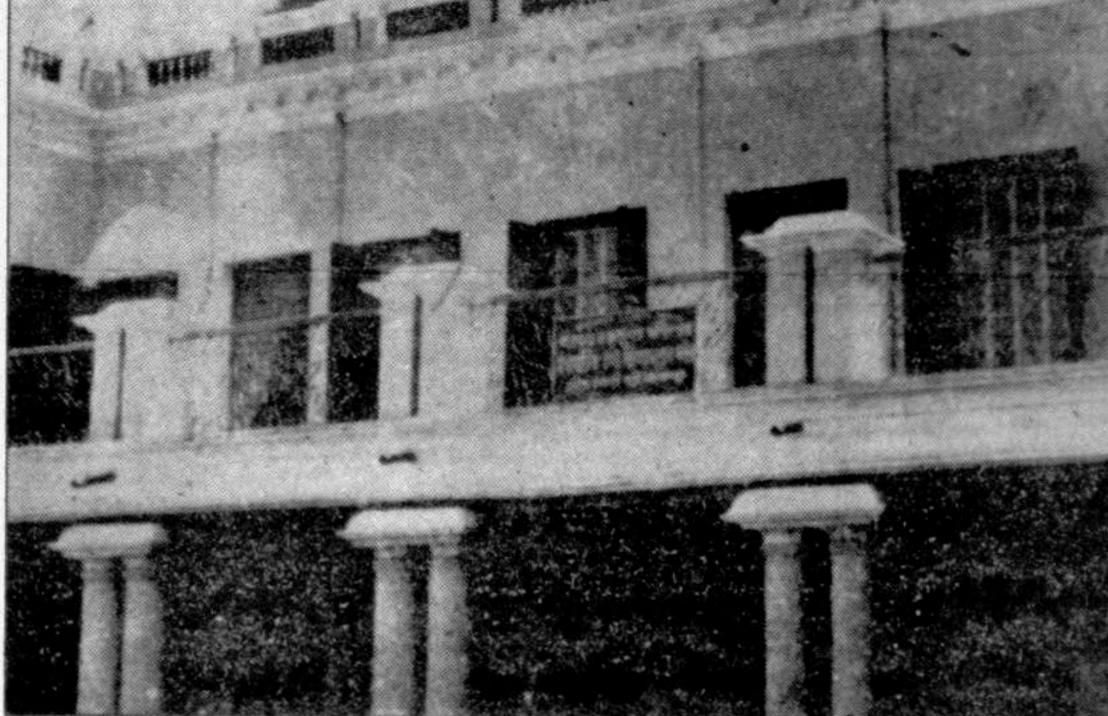
so they cannot leave the house of Tagore.

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

The Tagore Kacharibari should be closed to intrusion and hawking by the vendors of the weekly haat. Jointly with building a link road of the to the North Bengal Highway, a rest house may be built in the vicinity enabling visitors to stay the nights.

The Rabindra Parishad of Shahzadpur is working to uphold the memories of Poet Tagore. The Parishad in headed by Prof Ansaruzzaman as President and Sabbir Ahmed as General Secretary. Local cultural minded people are also included in the committee. The Rabindra Parishad has demand selling up of a Rabindra Academy of Shahzadpur to conduct research on Tagore. They also stressed upon the need to pressure all the Rabindranath's available memorabilia at the gallery of Kacharibari.

The Rabindra Parishad 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



SIRAJGANJ: A view of Rabindra Kacharibari at Shahzadpur.

- Star photo

Six women commit suicide SATKHIRA, Oct 23: Four

women committed suicide in separate incidents in the district Sunday, police said, reports UNB. One Morium Bibi (35) wife

of Mazam Ali of Chabani village in Kaligani thana allegedly killed herself by taking poison. Family sources said she had been suffering from extreme poverty. Another Fatema Khatun

(20), wife of Amin Ali of Hisla village of the same thana allegedly committed suicide by taking pesticide. She committed suicide as she was forced to marry Amin against her will. An old woman named

bear the gastric pain killed herself by taking poison. in another incident, Manira Khatun of Tala thana allegedly

committed suicide by taking

Jahara Khatun (75) unable to

poison following a family feud. Cases were filed with the Our Chuadanga Correspon-

dent 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. Besides, one Shahana Khatun aged about 26 years wife of one Akkas Ali of village

suicide by hanging. The cause of her committing suicide could not be im-

Bhanderdoha under Chuadanga

Sadar thana also committed

mediately known. It may be noted here that cases of suicide have been increasing abnormally throughout the district during the last one year.

Tornado survivors seek

SHERPUR, Oct 23: At least 2000 tornado survivors of different places under Sherpur Purashava and its adjoining areas of the district are in quest of shelter and food, according

to victims. Acute shortage of food, drinking water and Medicines has been persisting in the affected areas where relief materials have not yet distributed.

Eyewitness said that tornado affected people in the district are leading inhuman life amid inclement weather for want of food and shelter.

Reliable sources said, some jawans raided the village Rampoor tornado-hit people are living in the institutional premises and in seeking safer shelters.

> It is gathered that the affected people whose houses were blown away in the storm

shelter, food in Sherpur From Our Correspondent

thorities has not yet taken any effective steps. It can be mentioned here that a devastating tornado swept over the district on October 13 and that destroyed same 1200 dwelling houses,

shops and injured more than

have been passing a miserable

life under open sky. But the au-

40 persons. The affected people have urged the government to rehabilitate them without further

Properties worth about Taka five lakh were gutted in a devastating fire at Myrabasu of Charpukkhimari union under Sadar thana recently. According to sources, 18

Another report adds :

houses including household articles were burnt to ashes in the ftre.