NAOGAON

500 eye patients get treatment

Jan 15: About 500 eye patients were given preliminary treatment free of cost in the eye-camp held at Santahar Harvey High School, reports

The tamp was jointly organised by the Santahar Jhankar Club and Rajshahi Lion's Club Hospital last week.

Ten cataract patients were operated upon successfully and 15 patients with cye complications were sent to Rajshahi for better treatment, the sources

Another message from Khulna adds: Ten days long Eye Camp started here on January 6 at Chalna in Dakop thana of the district.

BNSB Eye Hospital organised the camp to give free treatment to the poor people.

Several cataract patients were operated upon and at least one thousand patients with eye complications have been provided with medicines.

The eye cap was inaugurated by MP Sheikh Harunar

SHERPUR

6 BDR men hurt in road mishap

Jan 15: Six Bangladesh Rifles men were injured when their ration goods loaded truck plunged into a roadside ditch near Mubarakpur Jhina bridge Monday, reports UNB.

According the BDR sources, of the injured four were admitted to Sherpur Sadar hospital and two others to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

The injured persons were Abdul Halim (36), Habibur Rahman (34) Abul Hossain (35), Babul (35), Abdul Bari (30) and Kamrul Hoque (36).

The accident occurred while the driver tried to overtake a bullock curt through a narrow space on Jamalpur

CHUADANGA

Science fair concludes

Jan 15: Science fairs were held at different educational institutions of Chuadanga district recently to mark the 16th national science and technology week, report BSS.

Prof Nurul Hoque, Principal, Chuadanga Government College inaugurated the national science and technology week at a function held at the college auditorium on January

Besides science and technology exhibitions the programme of the week included discussions and debates Prizes were distributed among the participants.

COMILLA

DSA, women's assoc annual sports ends Jan 15: The annual sports

of the Comilla DSA and the district women's association was held in local stadium with much enthusiasm, reports

Comilla Sadar thana annexed the championship by scoring 170 points against 54 points scored by Chandina which stood runners' up.

Comilla Deputy Commissioner and the president of the Comtila DSA Katebur Rahman formally inaugurated the competition.

President of the Comilla women's sports association Nargis Begum distributed the prizes among the successful competitors.

About 200 athletes from all the 12 thanas of the district participated in the different events. The sports torch was lit by vatern sportsman Nastr Ahmed Chowdhury and athlete

Sabina. The oath taking ecremony was conducted by Sajeda Akhter.

SIRAJGANJ

Body of village arbitrator recovered

Jan 15: Police recovered the body of a village arbitrator from a sugarcane field in Raiganj thana on Monday, report UNB.

Family sources said Gahar Alt (55) of Atgharia village was kidnapped on Sunday night while he was sleeping in his sugarcane field. He was guarding the power pump house

Police sent the body the Stratgant general, hospital morgue for autopsy. A case has been lodged.

KHULNA

19 killed in road mishaps last year

Jan 15: A total of 66 road mishaps took place in the town last year killing 19 people, an official source said, reports UNB.

Of them, 4 died in January, l each in February, April and May, 2 each in March and July, 3 in September and 5 in October,

* The statistics showed that 4 road mishaps occurred in January, 2 in February, 6 in March, 5 in April, 3 in May and 6 in June.

A total of 4 road accidents occurred in July, 7 in August, 9 in September, 10 in October, 5 each in November and December.

Most of the victims died under the wheels of running trucks, while minibuses, motor cycles and bicycles were also connected with these acci-

The report said, poor condition of the vehicles, reckless driving, narrow road and carelessness of the authority are mainly responsible for these accidents.

JAMALPUR

College students boycott classes

Jan 15: Students of Nandina College boycotted their classes for indefinite period from January 5 demanding the recovery of their two fellow-students kidnapped on December 29, reports UNB.

It is learnt that Delwar Hossain Sadu, General Secretary of college students union and Ikbal Kabir, Chhatra League Secretary were kidnapped from college hostel by some miscreants.

A case was filed with the Sadar thana police in this con-

Another report adds: Property worth about Taka 15 lakh was gufted in a devastating fire that broke out at Hazrabari Bazar of Melandha thana on January 7.

The fire originated from a diesel container and rapidly engulfed the market and gutted nine shops. Local people brought the fire under control.

MYMENSINGH

Commemorative meet held

Jan 15: A commemorative meeting on the death of three Chhatra League, leaders in violence could not take place at Bangladesh Agricultural University on January 12 one to official prohibition and armed attacks by rivals, reports UNB.

Authorities prohibited the meeting to avoid untoward in cidents as tension mounted because of obstruction by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

The BAU unit of BCL was due to hold the meeting in the Joynul Abedin auditorium in the afternoon to commemorate the death of - Shawkat, Walid and Nowshad-killed allegedly by JCD activists in 1980.

Tension grew as BCL and JCD activists brought out sevcral militant processions on the campus since Monday

Later, a procession, led by Awami League leader Kader Siddiqui, proceeded to the BCL office on the campus from the rest house for holding the meeting, which came under attack near the Agriculture Faculty building.

JCD activists allegedly fired at least 3 shots and exploded 5 to 6 crackers in the attack.

The Chhatra Leaguers hurriedly organised a rally there to protest the attack on their procession. Speakers at the rally condemned the violence and blamed JCD activists for it.

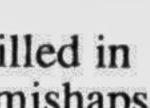
RANGAMATI

Course on improved stove held

From Our Correspondent Jan 15: A seven-day training course on improved stove, conservation of fuel wood propagation technic of bainboo and its uses as well as conservation and extension of fore stry was inaugurated recently at the Forest Develo-pment and Training Centre (FDTC) here, officials said.

Sponsored by the FDTC, the training course was attended by 20 forest range officers from different forest divisions of the country.

The participants were being given training by a team of experts comprising of Deputy Conservator of Forest, M Salim Khan, Assistant Conservators of Forest Sunil Kumar Kunda and Abu Naserb Khan led by Dr Shamsur Rahman, the Director of FIJTC.





SYLHET: A cyclone affected family of village Lengura under Gowainghat thana

Star photo by Md Igbal Siddiquee

Cyclone victims in Sylhet Sunamganj need urgent help

From Md Iqbal Siddiquee

SYLHET, Jan 15: Sufferings of the people of different cyclone-hit thanas of Sylhet and Sunamgani districts have increased as relief work is yet to be started.

A total of 46 persons was killed by the devastating cyclone, according to an official sources. However, the number of death would be more, unofficial sources informed.

The woes of the affected people have mounted as almost all these villages are situated in the remote areas. Communication is the main problem there. Thousands of men and women are now in need of food, clothes, warm clothes, medicines and others.

The victims have been passing their days and nights under the open sky, as they could not rebuild their huts. At least 15,000 people have become homeless by the severe cyclonic storm that lashed on the areas, it was told at a coordination meeting of the voluntary organisations at Sylhet

The victims should immediately be provided with low

cost house-building materials, it is widely felt by all concerned. The poor villagers, especially the children and old ones are badly in need of winter clothes. The district administration

of Sylhet have distributed only Taka 70,000 and some rice, gur (molasses) and 1000 pieces of old winter clothes among the affected people of three thanas, namely, Jaintapur Companyganj and Gowainghat. Another cash amount of Taka 20,000 would be given within a day or two, informed an official source. The government has sanctioned another cash amount of Taka 50,000, fifty bundles of Cl sheet, 10 metric tonnes of rice, one hundred pieces of sarees and 100 pieces of lungi for distribution among the victims. Distribution of these would be started within a couple of days, said the source.

In Sunamganj district, cash amount of Taka 35,000, 100 pieces of sarce, 100 pieces of lungi, 90 bags of dal, 81 cartons of baby food, and 21 metric tonnes of rice have been

SYLHET: A view of the Niain High School house of Gowainghat which was razed to the

have already begun their eam-

paigning from door to door in

hats and bazars have already

turned into busiest propaganda

candidates for the post of

chairman and 50 candidates

for ward commissioners are

going to participate in the en-

Chuadanga

The restaurants, tea-stalls,

According to a source, 7

favour of their candidates.

distributed among the victims of Chhatak, Doarabazar, Sunamganj sadar and Biswambharpur thanas by the district administration.

The District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer informed this correspondent that the government has sanctioned another amount of Taka two lakh as relief, 50 metric tonnes of rice, 200 bundles of CI sheet, 200 pieces of sarec, and 200 pieces of lungi for the victims of the district. But it would take a few days to start distribution of these, the source added.

Relief operations by the voluntary bodies have not yet been started, according to the reports from the affected villages. The sanctioned cash amount of relief, rice and other materials are inadequate to meet demand of the victims. It may be stated here that except a very few people, the victims are very poor.

Immediate measured should be taken up to supply more rice, dal, medicines, Cl sheet and other house building materials, it is widely felt

Notes from

National Democratic Party Secretary General and Jatiyo Sangsad Member Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury recently demanded of the government to make public the details of the incident of January 2 and 3 Halishar here, reports BSS.

He said, the incident was of the big magnitude and as such the people involved in it should be given exemplary punishment.

One killed in rival groups clash

One student was killed in a

Chittagong Medical College Hospital sources said they received a body with marks of bullef in it. But they could not give the identification of the

Meanwhile, a press release of the Islami Chhatra Shibir claimed that the victim Mosharraf Hossain a second year student of honours in the Department of Mathematics, Chittagong Government College was one of their activists.

Islami Chhatra Shibir also called for a dawn-to-dusk hartal on January 14 in protest against the killing of their worker, the press release

Chhatra Shibir's city unit president, Secy

Mohammad Shajahan and Mohammad Rezaul Karim have been elected president and general secretary respectively of the city unit of Bangladesh Islami-Chhatra Shibir for the current year, a Shibir press release said here.

Thursday.

Justice Sultan Hussain Khan is heading the committee while Additional District Magistrate, Chittagong is working as Secretary.

will continue till January 30.

independent, Md. Belayet

Hossain Khan (five Party

Alliance), Md. Jamilur Rashid

Khan (BNP), Advocate Mohidur

Rahman (BNP), Advocate

Badrul Islam Khan Babul (AL),

Gazi Khairul Huda Faruk.

Sultanul Azam Apel and Yakub

Sherpur

says: The poura election cam-

paign is gaining momentum at

Sherpur poura shava after the

announcement of date of

areas or block to mobilise sup-

port in their favour. The num

ber of gatherings in the tea

shops in the poura area after

the dusk is increasing.

Supporters and workers are

seen moving from door to door.

Abdur Razzak Asis, Zila Bar-

Council President Advocate

BNP district unit leader

The probable candidates are

Our Sherpur Correspondent

Ali Master.

pourashava polls.

of the voters.

Chittagong

CHITAGONG, Jan 15: at Bandartila and South

clash between two rival groups of student organisation at Anderkilla here on January 12.

Inquiry on Jan 2

incident begins

The one-man inquiry committee has begun it probe into January 2 and 3 incident of Bandartila-Halishahar near Chittagong Port here on

The inquiry committee is receiving written statements and recording evidence from the eye-witnesses of the incident from Thursday at the Zila Parishad Hall and the probe

Pourashava election campaign going on

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 15: campaign has been gaining The probable candidates of momentum at Madaripur chairman and ward commispourashava as the date of stoner of local pourashava of election coming nearer. the district have launched The supporters and workers of the probable candidates their election campaign.

A total of three candidates are contesting for the post of chairman and 64 for 12 posts of commissioners from four wards.

Political parties have been

ground by the cyclone.

playing a key role as most of them are from different par-The contestants for the post of chairman are former State Minister Dr. Md. Faridul

Huda, Hafizur Rahman Mollah

Kachi (BNP) and Al-Mamun

Sarkar (Awami League). The poura area wears a festive look as the colourful festoons and placards have been hanged at different points. Hectic campaign by the candidates and their supporters are going on to gain support of the voters in the election. The way-side walls have been decorated with the writings and

are enlisted in the voters list including 32,551 male and 27,488 female. Madaripur Our Madaripur Corespon-

dent says: Pourashava election

According to official sour-

ecs, a total of 6,00,039 voters

Our Chuadanga Corres-

suing poura election.

pondent says: Probable candidates of chairman and word commissioners of three pourashavas of Chuadanga district have started their election campaign as soon as the date for election was announced. The three pourashavas of the district are Chuadanga Pourashava, Alamdanga Pourashava and Dursano Pourashava. The supporters and work-

ers of the possible candidates

are moving from door to door

of the voters to got upport in

their favour.

All most all the walls of the towns have been covered with writing in support of the possible chairman and word commissioners candidates.

- Star photo by Md Iqbal Siddiquee

The wall writings are incribing different slogans to draw the attention of the vot-

Manikganj

Our Manikgani Correspondent says: Probable candidates for the posts of chairman and commissioners of Manikganj pourashava have started poura polls campaign.

With the announcement of the schedule for pourashava polls on January 30, the probable candidates for the posts of chairman and commissioner of the pourashava launched their mass communication programme as a part of their election campaign.

The candidates have already started arranging tea-parties at their respective residences and elsewhere in the poura area. Some of the candidates have already visiting the houses of voters for mobilising the support. The probable candidates for

the post of chairman of the

Chairman Md Ramzan Alt (JP),

Md. Mosharraf Hossain Babul

Abdus Samad. Nizzamuddin, Ex-pourashava chairman and Jatiya Party district unit leader Md. Lutfar Rahman Mahon, are gaining to contest in the polls. The maximum number of

pourashava are: former youths will contest the posts of commissioners, it is gathered.

Tk 2.15 cr power bills realised in 15 days

MYMENSINGH, Jan 12 Bangladesh Power Development Board realised Taka 2.15 crore outstanding bills and disconnected over two thousand lines from December 14 to 31, reports UNB.

Official sources said over Taka 15 crore remained outstanding among the defaulter subscribers till December 31. Out of their target of Taka 3 crore, the said amount was realised during the 15 day disconnection programme. Taka 90 lakh was realised from government offices and the rest from residential consumers.

During this period PDB realised more than Taka 3 lakh as re-connection fee.

The election of 17-member of executive committee of Mymensingh . Press Club was held on Friday. Imamuddin Mukta and Abul

presidents and Zillur Rahman general secretary of the club. Deputy Commissioner of the district, as per rule, is the

Kashim were elected as vice

honorary president. Other office bearers are

Khurshiduddin Pathan (treasurer). AHM Mutalib (joint secretary). Abdul Latif. Mosh-arral Hossain, Mamun Mahfuj and Motaharuddin Ahmed, Bajlur

Coldwave kills 88 in N-dists

people are reported to have died in eight northern districts as a chilled weather prevailed over the last fortnight with the mercury going down 4 degree Celsius at times, reports UNB.

the coldwave victims were in Pabna, 18 in Rangpur, 15 in Panchagarh, 11 in Lalmonirhat, 13 in Sirajganj, 8 in Bogra, 6 in Rajshahi and 4 in

According to local Red Crescent Society sources, at least 5 lakh distressed and floating people have been suf-

6.61 lakh hectares under rabi crop cultivation

MYMENSINGH, Jan 15: Nearly 6,60,673 hectares of land have been brought under rabi cultivation in five districts of Mymensingh . Agriculture Region in the current season, reports BSS.

Region comprises Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrakona. Kishoreganj and Mymensingh districts. According to Agriculture

the rest is going on in full The cropwise target of cultivation of rabi crops is as fol-

hectares,

Potato-13,802 hectares, Sweet potato-8,941 hectares, Vegetables-13,389 hectares, Groundnut-5,737 hectares, Sugarcane loutside mill zone) - 6,153 hectares and various types of pulses-24,034 hectares.

Agriculture The Department and Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) supplied seeds, fertilizers, insecticides and necessary inputs to the farmers to make the rabi crops cultivation a success.

A total of 1,403 demonstration plots has been set up in different areas of the district to educate the farmers scientific method of cultivation.

Public library needs fund

BARGUNA, Jan 15: The Barguna public library is beset with multifarious problems including shortage of furniture and accommodation, reports

The library building has become quite unfit for use due to its dilapidated condition . It may collapse any moment. Many crack have developed on the side walls of the building as its pluster is being vanished. During rainy season water leaks through the roof damaging books and documents. The doors and windows of the building are also in dilapidated conditions.

About 50 readers visit the library every day, though the sitting arrangement is quite insufficient. There are only twelve chairs and five benched in the reading room.

Many readers took away a good number of valuable books from the library since the last There are three employees

in the library whose salary has not been increased since a long time. They do not get their salary regularly due to acute fund crisis. The library has at present about 5,000 books. It sub-

scribes six dailies and five

weeklies regularly for the

readers. It remains open be-

tween 4 pm to 8 pm every day except Wednesday. The local people urged the government to make the only library more useful to the gen-

eral readers and provide nec-

essary funds for its mainte-

The Ansars and the VDP members have con structed 25,350 sets of low cost sanitary latrines in ten thanas of Barisal district till December 25 last.

According to an official source 663 sets of these la trines were set up in the houses of the Ansars and the VDP members and the rest in the neighbouring areas.

Fish diseases

MANIKGANJ, Jan 15: Fish diseases have broken out in an alarming form is all the seven thanas of the district, causing great concern among the fishermen community as well as

as "Ulcerative Varieties," .ac-Another report adds: Police

recovered a huge quantity of

smuggled goods including 1,300 bottles of Indian Phensidyl syrup worth about Taka two lakh from different buses at Arichaghat in Shibalaya during the last one

Dhaka-bound coaches coming

from Rajshahi and seized the

contrabands.



Sarajiban" produced by Meghdoot staged recently here at — Star photo local club.

Rahman, Advocate Khalf-quzzaman, Wazidul Islam, Nawab Ali, MA Matin, Most-afizur Rahman and Sarwarul Alam.

PABNA, Jan 15: Some 88

Unofficial sources said 13 of

hectares, Mustard-30,955 hectares.

Mymensingh Agriculture

Extension Department 1,57,642 hectares have been brought under cultivation upto December 31. Cultivation in

lows: Boro paddy-4,91,980 Wheat-66,650

Another report adds nance.

break out in Manikganj

the people, reports UNB. Demand for fish has deceased in local markets due to the diseases which are known cording to local Fishery

Acting on secret information, police raided three