

## District roundup

## CHUADANGA

## Independence Day observed

From Our Correspondent

Apr 2: Independence and National Day was observed throughout the district in a befitting manner.

In connection with the observance of the day a programme was chalked out earlier.

The day's programme began here with the 21 times gun salute at local Bara bazar at mid-night.

A congregation of the family members of the shahid freedom fighters of Chuadanga district was held at the office of local freedom fighters command.

Special prayers for the well-being of the nation was held at local mosques after Jehr prayers and in local temples and churches.

Improved diets were supplied to the inmates of local sadar hospital, sub-jail and shishu sadan.

A discussion meeting was held at local Chand Market organised by local forum.

After evening a cultured function was held at local Sree-monto town hall.

## SERAJGANJ

## One run over by truck, dies

From Our Correspondent

Apr 2: One Saiful Islam (25), a worker of Strajganj Qauli Jute Mills was run over by a truck (No Pabna TA-114) recently near local fruit house.

The victim died on way to hospital. Police seized the truck. But driver and helper managed to escape. A case has been lodged and body was sent to the morgue for autopsy.

UNB report adds: Railway Police recently arrested three people on charges of committing dacoity at Mulduli railway station on a Ishurdi-bound local train from Serajganj.

The arrested were identified as Moqbul Hossain (30), Sarwar Hossain (22) and Mostafa (26).

## MADARIPUR

## One burnt alive

From Our Correspondent

Apr 2: A man was roasted alive and property worth about Taka 7 lakh were burnt to ashes in three separate fire incidents in the district recently.

It is learnt that 26 houses were burnt to ashes in a fire broke out at Purbo-Bolta village under Kalkini thana recently. Property worth about Taka 5 lakh were gutted in this incident. The fire originated from kitchen.

A youngman was burnt alive when a fire broke out at a tea stall at Chilarchar under Sadar thana recently. The victim was burnt alive while he was sleeping inside the stall.

In another incident, property worth about Taka 1.57 lakh were burnt in a jute godown at Takerhat bandor under Rajbari thana. The fire originated from an electric short circuit.

## MOULVIBAZAR

## 1987 tonnes of wheat allocated

From Our Correspondent

Apr 2: A total of 1987 metric tons of wheat has been allocated for implementation of different projects under the Food for Works Programme in six thanas of the district in the current financial year.

The projects include construction and reconstruction work of roads and embankments, and reexcavation work of ponds and canals.

## SUNAMGANJ

## Tk one lakh cash, valuables looted

From Our Correspondent

Apr 2: A daring dacoity was committed in the house of one Amal Kanti Paul at village Gankhat under Chhatak thana of Sunamganj district recently.

According to the report, in the midnight of the incident, a gang of dacoits armed with deadly weapons attacked the house and tied up all the inmates of the house with ropes and took away money in cash, gold ornament and other valuables worth about Taka one lakh from the house at gun point.

Ekrum Miah (35) sustained serious injuries, as he was hit by the armed dacoity. He had been admitted to the Chhatak thana health complex.

## KHULNA

## Former UP chairman shot dead

Apr 2: A former union parishad chairman was shot dead by a gang of miscreants at Shidhipasha village in Abhojnagar thana of Jessore district Wednesday last, reports UNB.

Police sources said here, Ali Khan (35) former Chairman of Chittapasha union of Jessore while going to local market was shot at his chest by some miscreants at about 8 am. He died on way to hospital.

Police suspected that the activists of the outlawed Purba Bangla Communist Party were behind the killing.

In another incident a young man was killed and four people, including three women were injured in a clash between the people of two houses at village Poigram-kashba in Phultala thana of Khulna district on Tuesday.

Witnesses said Mintu (20) died on the spot as his rivals hit him with sharp weapons following a dispute over line of demarcation of a plot of land.

Of the injured Saleha (40), Rehana (30), Shaheen (25) and Shamima were admitted to Phultala health complex with serious wounds.

Separate cases were filed with the police.

## MALDEE COURT

## Heavy rainfall paralyses normal life

Apr 2: Heavy rainfall accompanied by hailstorm that swept over the district from March 20-26 paralysed the life in town and rural areas, reports UNB.

According to Met office, the early rainfall totalled 291 millimetre during the period causing extensive damage to standing crops. Roads went under water disrupting the communication system.

According to Agriculture Extension Department, 26 per cent Aus crops, 29 per cent vegetables, 48 per cent sweet potato, one per cent Boro crops, 46 per cent chillies and 21 per cent pulses including mug, mashkhalai, motor, chhola were damaged by the excessive rainfall.

The hailstorm done extensive damage to water melon and ground nut.

Another message adds: Atleast 782 people were sterilised in the district during July 92 to Dec '92 in the district.

According to Family Planning office sources, 1266 women were given loops or copper-T, 6122 people were given injection and 5302 pieces of condom and 19,038 oral pills were distributed among the fertile couples.

## KUSHITIA

## Six betel leaf groves burnt to ashes

Apr 2: Six betel leaf groves were burnt to ashes by a devastating fire recently at village Shibpur of Hartinarayanpur union under Kushtia sadar thana, reports BSS.

Local people brought the fire under control. Fire brigade reached the spot after the fire was extinguished.

Loss of property was stated to have been Taka two lakh.

Another report adds: One Akkas Ali (25) was allegedly killed on Saturday by rival group at Chourhash bazar, near here.

Police and eye witnesses said Akkas Ali was attacked by his rival group with deadly weapons. He was seriously wounded and taken to Kushtia General Hospital. The attending doctors declared him dead.

Two months ago, he was injured by the miscreants.

None was arrested in this connection.

## GOPALGANJ

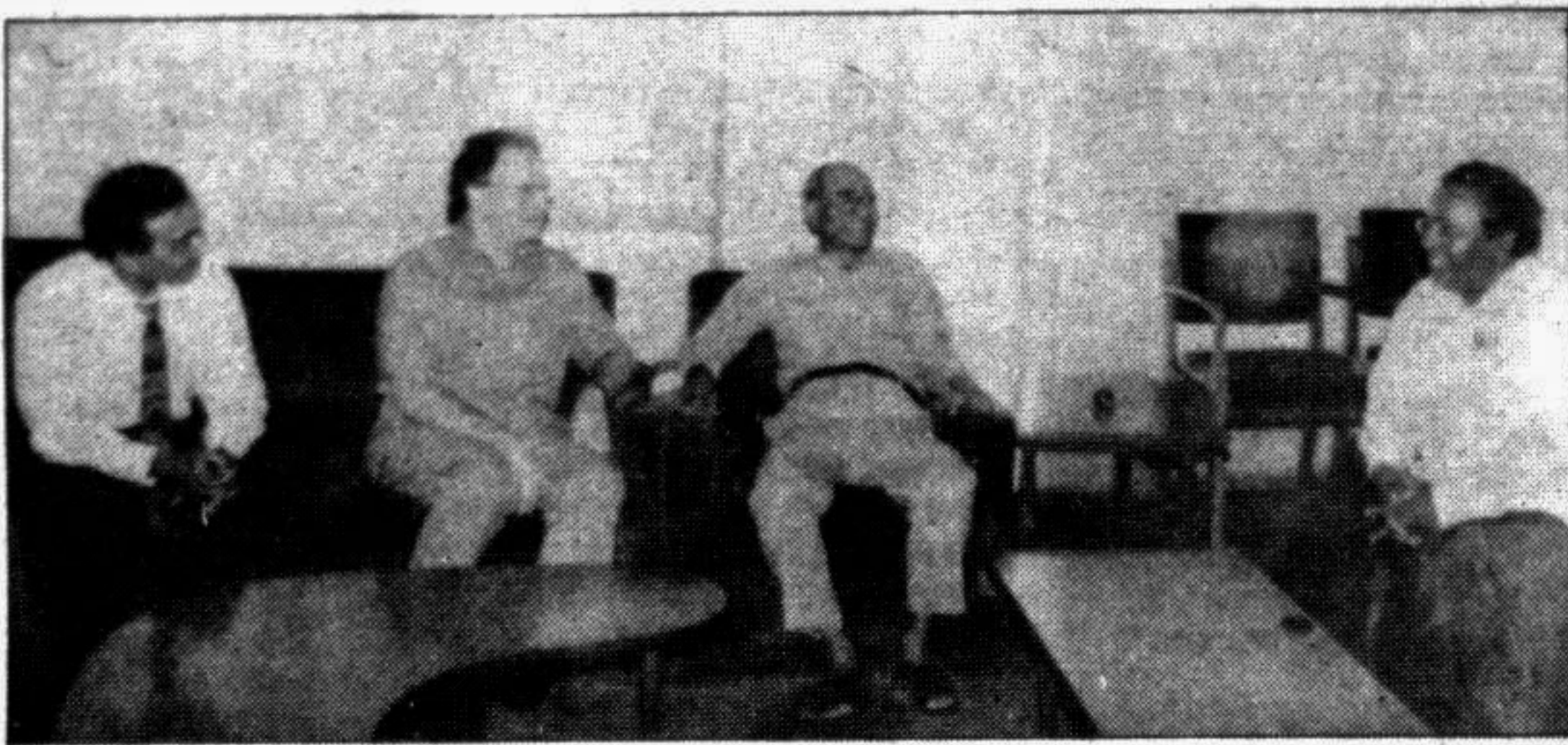
## Jilted lover commits suicide

From Our Correspondent

Apr 2: A jilted lover named Motiur Rahman (23) of village Khanpukuria under Kasiani thana of the district committed suicide by taking poison recently.

It is learnt that the victim had love affairs with Kajol (19), daughter of one Enus Mollah of the same village. But at one stage, Kajol denied their love affairs. As a result, Motiur Rahman became very furious and then he committed suicide by taking poison.

A UD case has been registered with Kasiani PS in this connection.



AGRI-VARSITY: An eminent Belgian scientist, Dr Fernand Lambein called on the Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) Prof M Ashraf Ali Khan at the latter's office chamber recently.

## Prices of fertilizers higher

KUSHITIA, Apr.2: Chemical fertilizers are being sold at exorbitant prices than the price fixed by the government, reports UNB.

According to farmers, one bag of urea is being sold between Taka 300 and 320 as against government rate of Taka 236. Prices of other fertilizers are high in the local market. They also alleged that they are being harassed by the fertilizer dealers when they refuse to pay higher than the government rate.

When asked some fertilizer dealers said they had to pay tolls to mastans and dishonest officials of Zia Fertilizer Factory and under compelling situation they are to sell fertilizer at enhanced rate.

Meanwhile, in a recent high level meeting of Agriculture Ministry the Prime Minister Begum Zia directed the concerned officials to take punitive action against those dishonest traders who are involved in selling fertilizers at high prices.

## Pry education facing setback in 16 Northern dists

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Apr.2: Primary education has been facing set back in 16 northern districts due to manifold problems, reports UNB.

Shortage of teachers, dilapidated condition of school buildings, acute scarcity of furniture, absence of administrative control and rampant corruption are the main problems.

According to official sources, at least 1059 posts of teachers have been lying vacant since long in the total 9,249 government primary schools.

Among the 16 districts, 14 posts of District Primary Education officers have been lying vacant for a long time, the sources said adding at least 24 posts of thana education officers remained vacant since long.

Moreover, in 16 PTIs in Rajshahi division, 11 posts of Superintendent, 25 posts of instructors have been lying vacant for a long time.

The 16 districts are: Chapainawabganj, Rajshahi, Natore, Naogaon, Pabna, Sirajganj, Bogra, Joypurhat, Nilphamari, Gbandha, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh.

An official source said a large number of school buildings damaged by the devastating floods and cyclonic storms over the last few years have not yet been repaired. There is no plan to do so at an early date, it is learnt.

**Non-availability of text books**

Another report says: Text books for the secondary students are not available in five thanas of the district.

Non-availability of the text-books has affected normal studies of the students as two

The farmers urged the authorities to look into the matter and ensure fair prices of

## US Ambassador calls on BAU VC

MYMENSINGH, Apr 2: US Ambassador in Bangladesh William B Milam called on the Vice Chancellor of Mymensingh Agricultural University Dr Ashraf Ali Khan at his official residence on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The Ambassador and the VC of the university discussed matters related to bilateral interests and exchanged views on various aspects of agricultural development strategies of Bangladesh.

They also discussed about the prospect of extension of academic research in the BAU, says a press release.

Second Secretary of the American Embassy Andrew B Haviland accompanied the Ambassador during his brief visit to the university.

months of the academic year have already elapsed. The guardians are worried about the education of their wards.

Book traders said mal-distribution system of the Text-Book Board is mainly responsible for non-availability of textbook in the market.

Some guardians alleged that some book sellers taking advantage of the shortage of books force the buyers to take note books with high prices.

They urged the concerned authorities to look into the matter and take immediate steps so that text books are easily available in the local market.

Another reports adds: Bangladesh Rifles seized

the much needed fertilizers to help boost agricultural output in the district.

A man was killed when some miscreants stabbed him grievously at Chhorhash two kilometres off the town on Saturday.

The victim Akkas Ali (22) while returning home was attacked by the miscreants following a previous enmity. He was rushed to Kushtia General Hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

A case was filed with the local police in this connection.

According to another report, at least 35 people were injured in two separate clashes at Kamarkhal and Mirpur thanas on Wednesday and Thursday.

According to witnesses, 15 people were injured in a clash between rival groups at Mirpur and another 20 people were injured in another clash at Kamarkhal thana.

Separate cases were filed with the police.

## Notes from Chuadanga

From Our Correspondent

CHUADANGA, Apr.2: Eid-ul-Fitr was observed throughout the district with due religious fervor.

In Chuadanga the main Eid congregation was held at local central Eidgah Maidan. Maulana Abu Sama conducted the main Eid congregation.

Besides, Eid congregations were also held at local police line mosque, C&B para mosque, Kederganj mosque, Palashpara mosque, VJ High School mosque, Barabazar mosque, local graveyard mosque, Bitul Aman mosque and local Alia madrasa. Eid congregation was also held at Jafarpur BDR camp mosque.

## Oath taking ceremony held

The oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected chairman and 9 ward commissioners of Chuadanga Pourashava was held here at the Paurashava auditorium in a simple ceremony recently.

Omar Ali Mollah, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) of Chuadanga conducted the oath taking ceremony.

Ohidul Islam, the newly elected chairman of Chuadanga pourashava took oath along with the nine newly elected ward commissioners of the pourashava.

## Tk one lakh looted

A daring dacoity was committed at the residence of one Yasin Ali, a businessman of Damurhuda under Chuadanga district recently.

The dacoits took away Taka one lakh and 10 thousand.

The dacoits also stabbed the house owner Yasin Ali. The dacoits also burst bombs while committing dacoity.

One Abdul Momin, a neighbour of Yasin Ali while reached at the spot the dacoits threw a bomb on him. As a result, he was also seriously injured.

It is learnt that a gang of armed dacoits to numbering 8 to 10 stabbed one Liton, a peon of Damurhuda Public Health Engineering Office at dead of night and after wards entered the Damurhuda bazar and got the night guards of the bazar out at gun points and raided the house of said Yasin Ali and took away Taka one lakh and 10 thousand from his residence.

## Law, order committee meet held

A meeting of the district law and order committee was held here, at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner recently.

The meeting was presided over by M Tajul Islam, Deputy Commissioner of Chuadanga.

Among others the meeting was participated by Omar Ali Mollah, Additional Deputy Commissioner (General), Super-in-tendent of Police Abdur Rahim, Abdul Quddus Bhuiyan, Civil Surgeon, Chuadanga, T N O's from four thanas of the district, Principal Rowshan Ali, Prof Nurul Islam Khan, Field Officer NSI, President of local press club Md Quamrul Arfin, Emdad Hossain, President, Chuadanga Bar Association and Mozammel Haque, President, Chamber of Commerce and Industries-Chuadanga.

A discussion was held on the present law and order situation of the district.

## 13,166 tonnes sugar produced

The Darsana Sugar Mills has produced 13,166 metric tons of sugar during the current cane crushing season.

The season began on November last year concluded on March 21 last.

During the current cane crushing season, the mills crushed 1,45,446 metric tons of sugar cane as against its target at 1,75,000 metric tons.

The production target of sugar in the mills was fixed at 15,050 metric tons during the current season but the mills could not full-fill the target for want of sugar cane.

The recovery of sugar in the mills during the current year was 9.05 per cent which is high all over the country.

The working days in the mills this year was 132.

Due to 'gur' production the mills could not attain target.

When contracted the general manager of the mills told this correspondent the achievement of the mills of the current year is good.

## Daring theft committed

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Apr.2: A daring theft was committed in the house of Shamsuddin Ahmed of village Arabaria under Hossainpur thana of the district recently.

The thieves stole away a TV, one tape-recorder, clothes, gold ornaments and other valuables worth about Taka 25,000.

## 680 people sterilised in Jhenidah last yr

JHENIDAI, : At least 680 people were sterilised in the district during the last year, official sources said, reports UNB.

Of the total, 670 were female and 10 male. During the period 3695 women were given loops or copper-T and 36,778 people were given injection as a measure of temporary birth control in all the six thanas.

Besides, the district Family Planning department distributed 7,64,760 pieces of condoms and 7,09,894 oral pills among the interested fertile couples in the district.

Field workers of Family Planning department are working day and night to motivate the people.

Our correspondent adds: Jhenidah District and Sessions Judge in a judgement sentenced a man to suffer five years rigorous imprisonment and fined Taka five thousand in default to suffer one year more RI.

According to the prosecution case in brief is that one Shariful Islam alias Babul of village Mirzapur under Sailkupa thana allegedly killed his wife Shahnaz Begum on May 5, 1990.

## Netrakona Sadar thana grappling with problems

From Our Correspondent

NETRAKONA, Apr 2: The deplorable condition of roads, shortage of drinking water, lack of educational facilities, inadequate street lights erratic power and residential problems have made the life in the Netrakona Sadar thana miserable.

The condition of hats and bazars of the thana is deplorable. Shops have been built at the marketing places in a very haphazard way for which the movement of buyers and sellers become difficult.

Most of the roads in the sadar thana area are very narrow and uneven. Due to lack of proper care and maintenance numerous breaches and cracks have developed on the roads. The roads become muddy after a slight rainfall. The road side ditches are filled with garbage and dirt which have become the ideal breeding center for the mosquitoes.

Scarcity of pure drinking

water at poura area has become acute.

Frequent power failure and voltage fluctuations have become regular feature in the thana. The thana town remains dark for a maximum time after the sun set. Most of the street light posts have no bulb. Recreational facilities are meagre at the thana headquarters. There is no park for the children of the thana.

Absence of toilets causes much sufferings to the people who come from villages and other places. The people are to respond to the call of nature by the road side or beside walls of the houses.

The local people are not constructing new houses for the high cost of housing materials. Consequently, the house rent is up. Most of the educational institutions have no requisite furniture, laboratory apparatus, sports materials and above all teachers.



GOPALGANJ: Kazi Abdur Rashid, MP distributing relief goods among the fire victims at Goalgram village under Kasiani thana of the district recently.

## Pye-dog menace alarming in Kishoreganj

KISHOREGANJ, Apr 2: The alarming rise in the number of pye-dogs in the town has become a menace to the dwellers, reports UNB.

The pye-dogs with scabby skins are seen roaming here and there in the town. The pedestrians can hardly avoid their contact while walking through the roads. The school going children are the worst sufferers.

The rush of these dogs at the meat, fish and molasses markets causes a lot of troubles to both the buyers and sellers. The meat shops are often seen surrounded by these dogs.

Local leaders urged the Municipal authorities to take immediate drive to eliminate these dogs from the town.

Another report adds: Beggars in the town are on rise creating inconvenience to the dwellers.

The beggars mostly floating people affected by natural calamities are pouring into the

town from the rural areas with the hope of better earning.

City dwellers alleged that infectious diseases are spreading in the areas with the influx of the destitute people. Besides, these people respond to the call of nature in the open polluting the environment.

Local people urged the administration to take schemes to rehabilitate the floating people at the outskirts of the town to ensure better civic life.

## Corruption case field against 3FP employees

COX'SBAZAR, Apr.2: The

Bureau of anti-corruption, Cox'sbazar, today filed a case with Kutubdia thana against one officer and two employees of Family Planning Department for misappropriation of medicines worth Taka 351,927 in 1990, reports BSS.

## Launch Capsize: 6 more bodies recovered

With the recovery of six more bodies during the last 24 hours ending at 9 last night in the Friday's launch disaster in the midstream of the river Kalabader under Barisal district the total number of bodies recovered so far stands at 49.

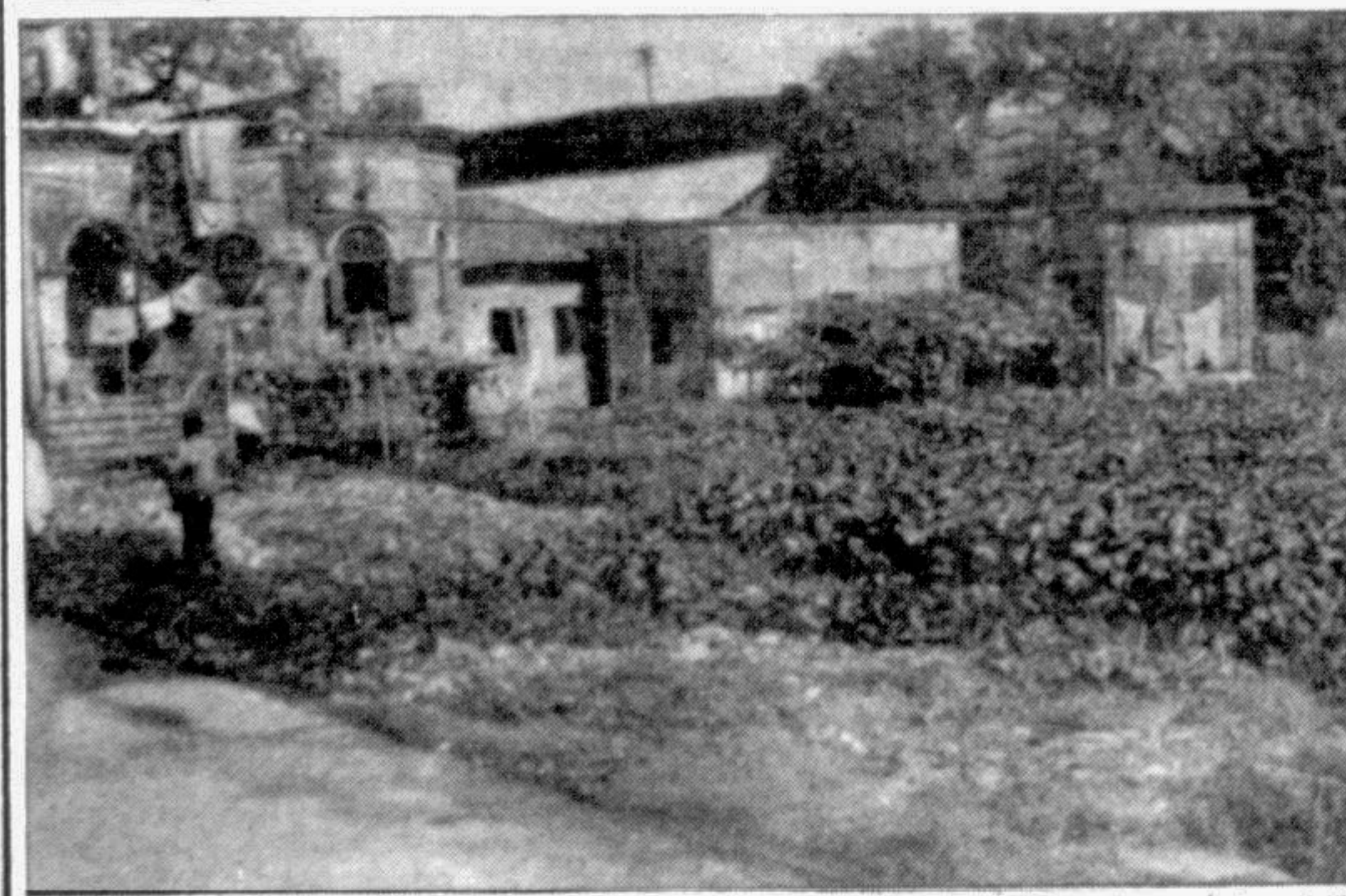
According to BSS Barisal correspondent, of the six bodies four could be identified. The identified bodies were of AFM Nurul Islam, (53), Principal, Government Barisal College, Shahid Abul Kalam Talukder (27), cashier, Lalmoan branch of Rupali Bank, Sureshwar Shah (65) and Md Jahangir (22), a student of Bhola College.

The body of Principal Nurul Islam was found yesterday morning at Bankerhat char

under Bhola sadar. He was buried at the Muslim graveyard in Barisal town after three janaza prayers held at Government Bhola College, Government Barisal College and Government BM College.

Even after four days of the launch disaster search is on by different private bodies including those of students and local fishermen to rescue the passengers who are still missing.

The ill-fated motor launch ML Zubair with about 240 passengers sailed for Lalmoan via Bhola from Barisal on Friday. It was caught by localised cyclonic storm in the river Kalabader near Stripur, 20 km from Barisal town. Of the total passengers, 75 were rescued alive and 49 recovered dead. About 100 others swam ashore.



NARAYANGANJ: A pond located at the middle of the town is covered with water-hyacinths which have become an ideal mosquito breeding place.