

District roundup

FENI
Running train kills one
 Apr 27: A man was crushed under the wheels of a running train at Feni railway station Sunday, reports UNB.
 Witnesses said Hiralal (35), a sweeper of the station, ran over by the Mahanagari Express of about 12 noon. But it was not known how he met the accident.
 In another incident a female SSC examinee was seriously injured when she tried to commit suicide under a running train.
 Family sources said Marina Akhtar (16) of Academy High School in the town jumped in front of a running train at about 2.30 pm Sunday as she failed to perform fairly in her English second paper examination on Saturday.
 Her one hand and leg were amputated in the accident.
 She was admitted to Sadar hospital in a critical condition.

HABIGANJ
Three get life-term for throwing acid on school girl
 Apr 27: Three people were sentenced to life term rigorous imprisonment for throwing acid on a school girl, court sources said here Monday, reports UNB.
 The convicts are Shafiqur Rahman, Ershad Ali and Abdul Ahad of Kamolpur village in Madhabpur thana.
 The case, in brief, was that Shafiqur Rahman proposed to marry Nazmun Nahar, a student of class ten of a local high school. But his proposal was turned down by her parents. At this he became angry and on the night of October 17, 1990 when she was asleep in her house, Shafiq along with his accomplices threw acid on her injuring her seriously.
 A case was filed and police after investigation submitted charge sheet against the accused.
 The Additional District and Sessions, Judge after examining witnesses and records awarded the punishment on Wednesday.

GAZIPUR
1,960 hectares of land under potato farming
 Apr 27: A scheme has been taken up to bring 1,960 hectares of land under potato cultivation in five thanas of the district in the current season, reports UNB.
 Agriculture Extension Department sources said of the total land 930 hectares have been brought under upsi variety and rest 1030 hectares under local variety.
 The thanas are Sreepur, Kaliakoir, Kapashia, Kaliganj and Sadar. The production target has been fixed at 25,000 metric tons.
 At least 45 demonstration posts have been set up to acquaint the farmers with the modern methods of potato cultivation.
 Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation will supply high yielding variety seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and other necessary inputs among the potato growers at fair prices to make the scheme a success.

CHAPAINAWABGANJ
Pry school beset with problems
 Apr 27: Narendra Government Primary School in Sadar thana is beset with various problems, hampering education to the children, reports UNB.
 According to school sources, about 400 students of the school have been facing problems due to shortage of classrooms, benches and other educational appliances. As a result, many of them are compelled to take their lessons in the open.
 Besides, shortage of teachers has been hampering education of the children badly. It is alleged that most of the teachers are not regular in taking their classes as they remain busy with other business. The guardians, alleged that most of the teachers of the school come to the school once or twice in a week to sign their presence in the attendance registrar.
 Moreover, the school lacks water supply facilities due to absence of tube-well. As a result the students are to use contaminated pond water.
 The guardians have urged the concerned authorities to look into the matter and take immediate measures to redress the sufferings of the students of the school.

MOULVIBAZAR
Demand for degree course
 Apr 27: In the absence of BSc college in Kamalganj Degree College the intending students of the area are facing difficulties, reports UNB.
 Guardians said it is not possible for the poor students of the locality to go to other districts to continue their studies. They said many students of science group have deserted their education as the college authorities failed to introduce BSc course in spite of repeated appeal.
 The girl students are the worst victims. It is almost impossible for them to go elsewhere to prosecute their studies.
 The guardians and leaders have urged the concerned authorities to help the college to introduce the BSc course for the greater interest of the students.

JAMALPUR
Health Field Workers' confce held
 Apr 27: The annual conference of Field Workers' Association of Health Department was held here at local Public Hall on Sunday, reports UNB.
 Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Sirajul Haq was present as chief guest while Dr Askar Ali and Faizur Rahman attended as special guests.
 A total of 200 field workers of Jamalpur and Sherpur districts participated in the conference with AB Siddique in the chair.
 The Deputy Minister stressed the need for concerted efforts to create awareness among the common people on primary health care. He also called upon the field workers to motivate the people on the need of balanced diet and prevention of diseases.
 The conference was also addressed by Dr Shamsul Haq, Mofazzal Hossain, Momtaz Begum and Mrs Lucky.

NETRAKONA
Whip exchanges views with newsmen
 Apr 27: The Whip of Treasury Bench in Jatiya Sangsad Advocate M A Karim on Sunday exchanged views with the newsmen at Netrakona Press Club, reports BSS.
 He said that the present government under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia was putting its best efforts to give the hardearned democracy an institutional shape.
 Karim also emphasised the need for wholehearted co-operation of the journalists for materialising the development programme of the government.

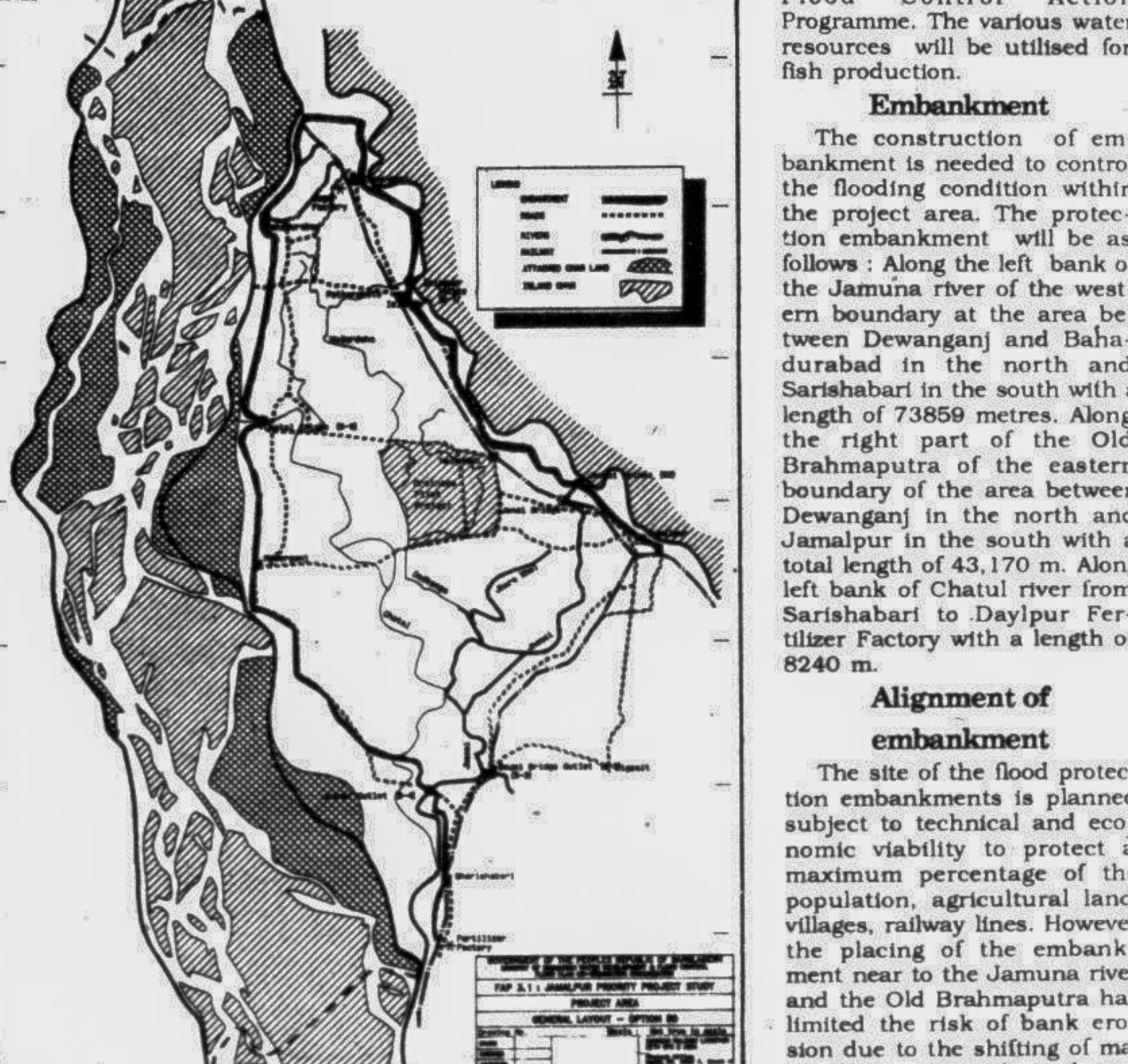
BARISAL
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CHANDPUR
Tk 3 lakh property gutted
 Apr 27: Property worth about Taka 3 lakh was gutted when a fire broke out at Eacholy Ghat Bazar, about 4 km from the town, reports UNB.
 Witnesses and Fire Brigade sources said the fire, originating from an electric short circuit, burnt eight shops to ashes on April 19.
 Fire services contingents from Natunbazar and Purnabazar rushed to the spot and brought the fire with the help of the local people under control.
 About 12 people received burn injuries during the fight to extinguish the fire.
 The affected shop owners have urged the government to sanction financial help for their rehabilitation.

RAJSHAHI
Police arrest 100 on various charges
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Tk 180 cr flood action plan taken up for Jamalpur

From Our Correspondent
 JAMALPUR, Apr 27: A five-year Flood Action Programme has been taken up by Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) at an estimated cost of Taka 180 crore to save Jamalpur district and its adjoining areas from erosion, flood, water logging and for dredging of the river old Brahmaputra and Jamuna.
 A total of 631,000 people of the district will be benefited from the project, it is learnt.
 The execution of the project will start from the fiscal year 1993-94 while French government and European Economic Commission (EEC) are likely to provide funds for its implementation.
 The project, covering an area of 92,000 hectares of land and 50 rehabilitation structures, will generate employment opportunities to 631,000 local people, particularly the distressed women and the poor. In the project areas, arrangement will be made for cultivation of vegetables and poultry farming for the landless people.
 With the implementation of the project, the physical condition of the areas will be developed, and massive tree plantation and afforestation programme will be taken up to maintain ecological balance.
 Meanwhile, measures have been taken up to protect several important markets, Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills, Jamuna Fertilizer Factory, Bahadurabad less than one hectares to earn their livelihood. The labour force has been estimated around 230,000 of whom 22 per cent have work while 48 per cent are underemployed throughout the year.



Drainage system
 The project will help develop a drainage system in the main land of the project area with the Madardha Chatul and the Jhenai rivers acting as main drain connecting a number of secondary natural drains located in the eastern part of the project area.

Fisheries
 The fisheries sector has an important role in the economic context of the Jamalpur Flood Control Action Programme. The various water resources will be utilised for fish production.

Embankment
 The construction of embankment is needed to control the flooding condition within the project area. The protection embankment will be as follows: Along the left bank of the Jamuna river of the western boundary at the area between Dewanganj and Bahadurabad in the north and Sarishabari in the south with a length of 73859 metres. Along the right part of the Old Brahmaputra of the eastern boundary of the area between Dewanganj in the north and Jamalpur in the south with a total length of 43,170 m. Along left bank of Chatul river from Sarishabari to Daylupur Fertilizer Factory with a length of 8240 m.

Alignment of embankment
 The site of the flood protection embankments is planned subject to technical and economic viability to protect a maximum percentage of the population, agricultural land, villages, railway lines. However the placing of the embankment near to the Jamuna river and the Old Brahmaputra has limited the risk of bank erosion due to the shifting of major flood channels and creation at new channels.
 At the southern boundary of the project area it has been assumed that flood protection of the area, Jamalpur-Sarishabari railway line will be completed before the completion of the protection embankment of the project area.
 The flood action plan will be implemented by three phases.
 A recently held discussion meeting on the five-year flood action plan in Jamalpur district was held at the DC's conference room which was organised by Flood Plan Coordination Organisation (FPCO). Deputy Minister Md Serajul Haq spoke in the meeting as chief guest.

PHE to install 3595 shallow, deep tubewells in Barisal

BARISAL, Apr 27: The Public Health Engineering Department will install 1,370 deep and 2,225 shallow tubewells at different places in three southern districts during the current financial year, reports UNB.
 The department has also fixed a target of sinking 153 deep pumps and resinking 1,753 shallow tubewells in Barisal, Patuakhali and Faridpur, official sources said.
 The projects are being implemented with the assistance of UNICEF.
 Meanwhile, 100 deep and 50 shallow tubewells have already been installed in the areas.
 Another BSS report says: The government has acquired 7.31 hectares of land to construct the divisional headquarters complex of newly established Barisal Division at Ichhakati, 5 kilometres from here, in the current fiscal year.
 According to an official source, the government has placed a budget of Taka 16,19,54,000/- for approval of the Ministry of Finance for implementation of the project.
 Superintending Engineer of Public Works Department (PWD) of Barisal circle told BSS that the project includes construction of 8,064 square metre four-storied commissioner's secretariat building, 656 square metre multipurpose hall, 381 square metre mosque and a guard room.
 Meanwhile, preliminary and engineering works on these project have been completed.



The outgoing students of 17th batch of Jahangirnagar University (JU) brought out a fashionable procession on the 'Rag Day' recently.

Four killed in road mishaps

PABNA, Apr 27: Three people were killed and three other injured when a truck fell into a roadside ditch near Chardolai Gobindapur, about 35 km off the town, today (Saturday), reports UNB.
 The dead were identified as Sohrab Ali (32) of Ahmedpur, Mizanur Rahman (35) of Tatibandh and Alamgir (22) of Baninagar in Sujanagar, all were rice trader.
 Police said the accident occurred when the Pabna-bound truck carrying about 20 passengers from Sujanagar plunged into the ditch at about 11 am killing all the three on the spot.
 The injured were admitted to Sujanagar Health Complex in critical condition.
 The driver and helper of the vehicle managed to flee.
 Another report adds: An unknown man, aged about 30, was run over by a speeding night coach from Ishurdi near Gaspara at about 8 pm today.
 He was rushed to the Sadar Hospital with critical condition where he died.
 Police said he was crushed by the Dhaka-bound coach while he was crossing the road.

Housewife commits suicide
PATUAKHALI, Apr 27: A housewife allegedly committed suicide by taking acid on Friday at Nalkhola Bandar in Dashmina thana, reports UNB.
 The dead was identified as Shipra Rani Karmakar (22), wife of Babu Shambhu Karmakar of Nalkhola Bandar area.
 According to family sources, Shipra Rani drank acid at about 2.30 pm when her husband went to the local Uliana bazar.
 Dilip Karmakar, younger brother of Shambhu Karmakar took Shipra to Dashmina Health Complex where she breathed her last following morning.
 The reason behind the suicide could not be known immediately.

2 held for throwing bomb on SSC examinee
FENI, Apr 27: Police arrested two youths including an SSC examinee for their alleged involvement of throwing bombs towards the SSC examination centre in the town on Saturday, reports UNB.
 The accused were identified as Giasuddin, an SSC examinee of Mohalpur village and Ahsanul Haque of Charpur village in Sadar thana.
 Police sources said they hurled bombs to Feni Pilot High School centre while English 2nd paper examination was going on.
 Giasuddin was expelled on Thursday for adopting unfair means in the examination.

Two card phone booths installed
BARISAL, Apr 27: Two card-telephone booths were installed at two different places of Barisal divisional town on Sunday under Telephone Department here, reports BSS.
 One card booth has been installed at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College premises and the other at the main post office premises.
 Cards of 25, 50 and 100 units of these phones are available at main branch of Sonali Bank main post office and Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Post Office at a cost of Taka 50, 100 and 200 respectively, the source added.
 Two other card booths will be installed soon here.

One gets lifeterm for rapping widow
FARIDPUR, Apr 27: Special Tribunal Judge of Faridpur A K Roy in a judgement on Sunday awarded one person transportation for life and to pay a fine of Taka 20,000 in default to suffer rigorous imprisonment for another one year on charge of rapping a woman, reports BSS.
 The prosecution story in brief is that one Chanda Sheikh (26) of village Naruahati of Nagarkanda thana under this district entered the house of one Nandarani Sarker of the same village at night following July 15, 1990 and raped her. Nandarani widow at Kamal Chandra Sarker, is the mother of two children.
 The witnesses were examined in the case tried by the Special Tribunal Judge under Ordinance 60 of 1983 (cruelty to women/deterrent punishment) and under Section 10 and Section 376 of Bangladesh Penal Code.



JHENIDAH: A view of the exhibition of handicrafts arranged here by the local Mahila Parishad recently.

Housing problem acute

NARAIL, Apr 27: Acute housing problems has been prevailing in the district town causing much suffering to both the government and non-government officials for a long time, reports UNB.
 Population growth, floating people and officials of the newly created district offices have made an extra burden on accommodation, sources said.
 Officials of different government offices, courts, banks, lawyers, members of business community and employees and workers of mills and factories have been facing serious housing problems.
 The low-paid employees and the people of the fixed income group are worst sufferers by rent hike of the houses and flats. They are to pay a big amount of their income by curtailing expenditure on daily necessities.
 Rich people do not come forward to invest in house building. On the contrary, people of limited income group do not dare to build a house due to sharp rise of construction materials, local people alleged.
 Experts said that housing problems in the town can be solved by constructing residential buildings by PWD, Housing and Settlement Department and private organisations.
 Local people urged the concerned authority to take proper steps to solve the accommodation problems on an emergency basis and thereby mitigate the sufferings of the people.

Students urged to build themselves as worthy citizen

TANGAIL, Apr 27 State Minister for Relief Lutfur Rahman Khan said that the BNP government was never detached from the people in the past and it would continue to be with them by implementing its development programmes for the uplift of the common man in the country, reports BSS.
 He was addressing a 'Garoc Conference' and a public meeting at Madhupur on Wednesday.
 Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Serajul Haque, Parliament Member Abdus Salam Pintu and some local leaders addressed the meeting.
 The state minister said, Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, Christian and Tribal communities were living in Bangladesh in peace and amity from time immemorial.
 Khan called upon all, irrespective of party and community affiliation, to cooperate with the government to help build a self-reliant Bangladesh and march forward on the road of development, progress and prosperity.
 Earlier, the state minister attended the annual prize distributing ceremony at Madhupur Shaheed Smriti High School as chief guest.



H M Hakim Ali, Chief Patron of Mukul Fouz giving away the crest to the President of the organisation recently. The Deputy Commissioner and the Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation, Mir Md Nasiruddin are also seen in the picture.

Four killed in mishaps

FENI, Apr 27: Four people were allegedly killed in separate incidents at different parts of the district on April 17, police said, reports UNB.
 In one incident police recovered the body of a housewife, identified as Shahana Begum (18) of Nurpur village under Fulgazi thana. She was found hanging. Police suspect it was case of homicide.
 Another body was recovered at Tarakusa village of the same thana. The dead identified as Mofizur Rahman was found dead at his father-in-law's house. He has been allegedly killed over a family dispute, police said.
 On the same day, a body of an unidentified person was recovered by police from Deyanganj near rail crossing under Sadar thana.
 In another incident a minor girl was run over by a speeding truck on Feni-Majidpur road near Tulatol bazar while she was trying to cross the road.
 Daganbhuyar police seized the truck. Driver absconded.
 Another report adds: BDR men foiled three attempts of Indian Security Force (BSF) to push in seven Indian nationals into Bangladesh through the Chhaganai thana during the last week.

Treatment facilities meagre in thana hospital

PATUAKHALI, Apr 27: The 31-bed Kalapara thana hospital of the district is beset with manifold problems causing suffering to the patients, reports UNB.
 A total of 1,69,328 people of the thana depend on the hospital for their medical treatment but the patients are deprived of proper treatment as the hospital lacks like saving drugs, blood bank, surgical instruments, ambulance, blankets and mosquito nets.
 Hospital sources said frequent power failure has become a regular feature causing untold suffering to the patients. A transformer near the hospital has been lying inoperative for a long time. It is alleged that steps have not yet been taken to install the transformer.
 Due to non-operation of the transformer, the X-ray machine of the hospital has also been lying idle causing much inconvenience to the both indoor and outdoor patients.
 The hospital is also facing the problems of water supply. Electric wiring in the hospital is also in a mess. Most of the switches of the electrical board and its connections are lying disconnected for which the hospital wards remain in darkness.
 The fans in the hospital are also out of order causing suffering to the patients particularly in the summer season.
 The roofs and the walls of the hospital are in dilapidated condition, in the absence of timely repairing in the rainy season rain water leaks through the roofs of the hospital.
 Meanwhile, PWD sources said that they could not undertake the repair works of the hospital due to fund constraints.