SATKHIRA

# Kidnapped girl rescued

May 10: A minor kidnapped girl was rescued from a ferry ghat in Kaliganj thana of the district on Friday, reports

Police rescued Manira Khatun (14), daughter of Shamsur Rahman of Srikhola in Kaliganj thana from Kakshiali ferry ghat.

Manira was kidnapped by some miscreants while returning home from her school on April 19.

A case was filed with the local police but none was arrested so far.

#### **JHENIDAH**

### Young man killed in road mishap

May 10: A young man was killed in a road accident at Nimtala in Kaligani thana on Jessore-Jhenidah road Thursday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the victim Lutfor Ali (25) met the tragic end of his life when he fell down from the bus he was travelling and run over by it.

He was travelling in a Kaliganj bound bus from Jessore. Police seized the bus from Hamdah bus stand in the town but the driver managed to escape.

Autopsy of the body was performed at Jhenidah Sadar Hospital and case was filed with the police.

### NETRAKONA

### Re-excavation work of Rajakhali canal on

May 10: The re-excavation work of Rajakhali canal in Atpara thana under Netrakona district is progressing fast, reports BSS.

An official source said here that the government allocated 311 metric tons of wheat under Food for Works Programme for re-excavation of the canal.

Meanwhile about 75 per cent work of the project have been completed and the rest of the work will be completed by the end of the current month, the source said.

After completion of the project, about two thousand acres of land would be brought under irrigation, the source added.

### BRAHMANBARIA

### May Day observed

From Our Correspondent May 10: The historic May Day was observed in the dis-

trict with befitting manner. On the occasion of May Day different organizations chalked out programmes.

Zila unit of Jatiya Sramik Federation organized a discussion meeting at the Ukil Library premises Abu Sayed Khan in the chair. Advocate Akser Md Chowdhury, Proddut Nag, Abdur Noor, Fazlur Rahman, Kabir Hussain Kanu Shamsul Alam, Nurul Alam Nasir Miah and Mrinal Chowdhury spoke on the occa-

Under the auspices of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal a meeting held at the office premises to mark the May Day. It was addressed by Bahar Chowdhury, Sheik Mohd Mohsin, Shafiqul Islam and Zahirul Islam while Hebjul Bari was in the chair.

Zila Jubo Okiya, Jatiya Sramik Jote, Sarail thana and Weekly Pratibadan office organized similar programmes to mark the May Day. Chowdhury Helaluddin, Md Shaffuddin and Secretary, Weekly Pratibadan. Moshiur Rahman Khan presided the meeting respec-

### CHITTAGONG

### Satyajit's birth anniversary observed

May 10 : Chittagong Film Centre Sunday observed 72nd birth anniversary of eminent film producer and director late Satyajit Roy, a press release of

the centre said, reports BSS. In this connection a discussion was held at the Jamal Khan office of the centre with its Director Sahibal Chowdhury in the chair.

Participants at the discussion paid tributes to Satyafit Roy saying he brought about changes in the filmdom according to the demand of the

Satyajit will live long through his valuable contributions in the filmdom, they said. Nazimuddin Shyamol, Hasan

Imam Chowdhury, Iftekhar Kamal Khan, Shovra J Chowdhury and Chandan Barua took part in the discussion.

Rajbari

### 25 health workers not getting salary for one year

May 10: Twenty-five health workers of four health centres and a modern hospital of the district have been passing their days in miseries as they are not getting their salary for the last one year, reports UNB.

A total of 20 employees of the health and family welfare centres of Borat, Khankhanapur, Udaypur and west Baghabari are not getting salary as no fund has yet been sanctioned by the concerned authorities.

These rural health and family welfare centre are being run by different foreign organizations.

Besides, two nurses and three sweepers of the Rajbari Government Modern Hospital are not getting their salary for the last eleven months. The problem arises as their allocation for salary did not come from the development sector.

When contacted Civil Surgeon of Rajbari informed that no steps were taken in this regard even after informing the concerned authorities repeatedly.

The affected employees urged the authorities to take necessary steps in this regard so that they can get their salary without further delay.

### BARISAL

### All-party meet held

May 10: An all-party meeting here Thursday called for freeing the country from the clutches of anti-liberation forces to consolidate democracy, reports UNB.

"The hard-earned democracy is at stake today," Awami League presidium member Mohiuddin Ahmed, MP, told the meeting aimed at pressing the demand for implementation of Gano-Adalat verdict against Jamaat leader Golam Azam and end to communal politics and "undemocratic" activities of the government. Mohiuddin Ahmed presided

over the meeting held at the Aswini Kumar Hall premises. The meeting called for unity of all pro-liberation forces, saying united efforts will consolidate democracy.

It was addressed, among theres, by PDF leader and NAP General Secretary Pankaj Bhattacharya, Hafiz Mohammad Daniel of Gano Azadi League, Abdullah Sarker of BSD, Saiful Hug of Workers Party and Faizul Hakim of Ganotantrik

Biplobi Jote. The leaders resented that the joint declaration of the three alliances had not still been implemented and independence of the judiciary not established. They also said the Enemy Property Act was yet to be repealed.

They said Bangladesh, the land of martyred freedom fighters, "is now in the hands of Jamaat-Shibir" active against the pro-liberation forces.

### COMILLA

### Pourashava polls on May 20

May 10: The date of the Comilla Pourashava election. postponed earlier following a high court's order has been refixed on May 20 next, reports

With the announcement of the election date, 7 chairman and 97 commissioner candidates have started their electioneering vigorously.

Meanwhile, high sounds of loud speakers and processions are seriously hampering the study of the on-going SSC and degree examineers. The HSC examineers are also feeling embarrassed as their examination will be held from June 17.

Most of the guardians expressed their disgust bver such decision of the election

### TANGAIL

### Islamic confee concludes

May 10 : Islamic conference sponsored by Tangail Ahle Hadis Sunnat Alzamat was held Saturday at local Bindubashini High School ground, reports

Professor Abdul Bari, Vice-Chancellor of National University presided over the conference.

Abdul Aziz, the first secretary of Saudi Embassy in Bangladesh was the main speaker. Besides, a good number of Islamie thinkers spoke on the occasion. Speakers stressed the need of learning the holy Quarn and hadit.



KHULNA: Advocate Md Enayet Ali reading key-note paper on Rule of low and practice of democracy" at a seminar organised by Fortnightly Ain at Khulna on May 2. The seminar was presided over by Dr Rashid-ul-Ahsan Chowdhury. Dr Golam Rahman, Vice-Chancellor, University of Khulna was chief guest while Deputy Commissioner of Khulna Kazi Reazul Haq and Mongla Custom Collector Abdul Qaiyum were special guests. Star photo

# Tk 4.68 cr property gutted in Habiganj

From Our Correspondent

March 17.

under Habigani sadar thana on

at Saiham Textile Mills at

Noapara under Madhabpur

thana gutted machineries

worth about Taka 4 crore on

March 11. It was originated

from the printing section of

the mills, it is learnt. Valuables

worth Taka 5,00,000 were

gutted in a fire that took place

in the house of one Korna Miah

of village Majishail under

Chunarughat thana on March

the incident, it is reported.

Valuables worth Taka 75,000

were gutted in a fire in the

house of one Bachchu Miah of a

nearby place of Teliapara bus

stand under Madhabpur thana

on February 3. Two houses

were gutted in the incident. In

another incident, valuables

worth Taka 50,000 including a

cash amount of Taka 15,000

were burnt in the house of one

Mahbubur Rahman in the same

It may be stated here that,

valuables worth several crore

taka are burnt every year in

different areas of Habigani dis-

trict as there is no fire station

in any of the seven thanas ex-

cept the district headquarters

There has been a longstanding

demand to establish fire sta-

tions in the thana headquar-

Armed miscreants

loot valuables

miscreants looted valuables

worth about Taka 82,000 from

Another report says: Armed

ters of the district.

village.

10. Five houses were gutted in

A big fire which took place

worth about Taka 4.68 crore was gutted in nine devastating fires during the last three months in the district of Habigani. A minor child was also burnt alive during the pe-

According to reports, of these property worth about Taka 10 lakh was gutted in a fire in the house of one Abdul Mannan at village Timirpur of Nabiganj thana in the night of April 3. His house was set on fire as he did not agree with the verdict given by the village 'Shalish,' it is alleged. A minor girl of only three months named Shafia was burnt in the incident Six dwelling houses were guited.

On the same day, property worth Taka 30,000 was gutted in a fire of village Pakuria under Chunarughat thana. The fire originated from the kitchen of one Abdul Latif of the village. Property worth about Tk. 40 lakh was gutted in a devastating fire on the Osmany Road in Nabiganj Bazar on April 2 last. As many as, 14 shops were burnt to ashes in the incident. The fire originated from a tea stall. Property worth about Taka 15 lakh was gutted in another big fire at the Chatta area of Habigani town in the midnight following March 28. Six houses were gutted completely in the fire as it took place to victimise the opponent people of the house cwners, it is alleged. Valuables worth about Taka 50,000 were gutted in the fire occurrec in the house of one

SYLHET, May 10: Property Firoze Miah at village Bhadoi a house at the Purba Kashdabir area of Sylhet in the early hours of Monday last.

According to reports, a about 4 in the morning, a gang of four miscreants armed with deadly weapons attacked the house of M A Jalil, Officer (Cash) of Bangladesh Bank, Sylhet. They tied up the housemaster at arms-point. The miscreants then took away cash amount of Taka 8,000, 8 totals of gold ornaments and other articles worth about a total of Taka 82,000 from the residence. A case in this connection had already been registered with the Kotwali police station

of Sylhet sadar. Police officials visited the spot.

Another report adds Smuggled Indian bidis worth about Taka 1,32,000 were recovered from the village Turukbhag under Bagha union of Golapganj thana under Sylhet district in the night following Monday last.

According to the report, on getting information, a contingent of 36 Battalion of BDR alongwith a Class I Magistrate went to the village in the night and recovered 6,60,000 ticks of Indian bidis from the house of one Sekandar Ali of the vil-

Later, the seized bidis were handed over to the police. A case in this connection had already been registered with the Golapganj thana against four persons namely Abdul Hannan, Sekandar Ali, Mososddar Ali and Manik Miah.

# 1032 deep, shallow tubewells to be sunk in 3 S-dists tubewells in Laksmipur.

NOAKHALI, Mayl 0: A total of 337 deep tubewells and 695 shallow tubewells will be sunk in three south-eastern districts by the Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) during the current financial year, reports UNB.

Official sources said the installation programme will be implemented in different areas of Noakhali, Feni and Laksmipur with the assistance of Saudi Arabia and UNICEF.

Of the total, 60 deep tubewells and 173 shallow tubewells will be sunk in Noakhali, 48 deep tubewells and 177 shallow tubewells in Feni and 43 deep tubewells and 66 shallow tubewells in Laksmipur under Saudi grant.

Under the UNICEF programme, 94 deep tubewells and 110 shalow tubewells will be installed in Noakhali, 28 deep tubewells and 52 shallow tubewells in Fent and 64 deep tubewells and 66 shallow

Our Chuadanga Correspondent says: The Public Health Engineering Department has taken up a programme to install 306 hand tubewells in

Chuadanga district during the

current financial year. Out of the total tubewells 69 will be sunk in Chuadanga Sadar thana, 114 in Alamdanga thana, 57 in Damurhuda thana

and 66 in Jibannagar thana. The programme will be implemented under the Rural

Water Supply Schame in col laboration with the UNICEF. The department will also reinstall 150 hand tubewells out of 254 checked up during the period

Of the total chocked up tubewells. 29 will be resunk in Chuadanga sadar thana, 28 in Alamdanga thana, 63 in Damurhuda thana and 30 in Jibannagar thana. Another report adds. At

least 25th hand tubewells have

gone out of order in four thanas of Chuadanga district causing acute shortage of drinking water in the area. Of the total hand tubewells,

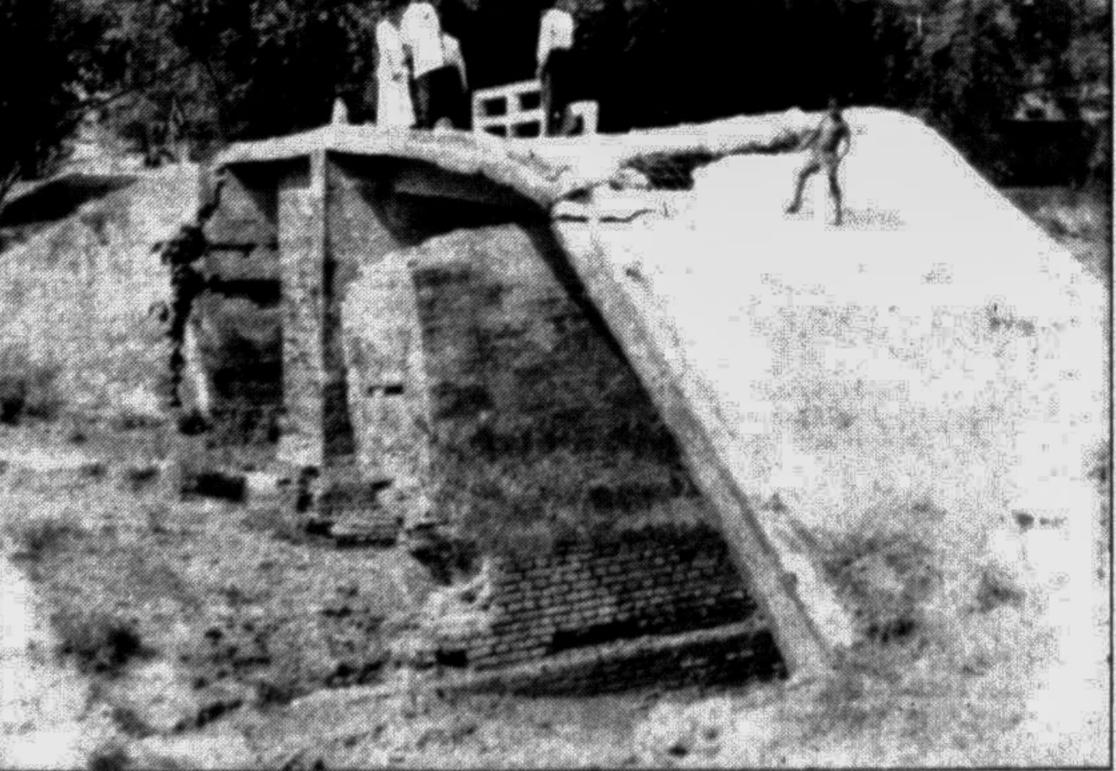
31 have gone out of order in Chuadanga sadar thana, 58 in Alamdanga thana, 142 in Damurhuda thana and 23 in Jibannagar thana.

Mechanical trouble, lack of proper maintenance and pilscrage of spare parts were reportedly the main reasons for

Due to disorder of tubewells people of the 4 thanas are to drink impure and polluted water from the ponds and canals resulting in the out-break of intestinal disease including di-

disorder.

Meanwhile the concerned authority has taken a programme to resink 150 disordered tubewells in the district during the current financial



RANGPUR: Shahapur Setu at Badarganj thana headquarters damaged during 1988 floods has not yet been reconstructed causing immense sufferings to the thousands of people of the Star photo locality.

# Notes from Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, May 10: A total of 13 non-government primary school buildings will be constructed in Raiganj thana at a cost of Taka 55 lakh.

The local Government Engineering Bureau (LGEB) will start construction work of non-government primary schools at villages Dhangara, Islachanda, Jhapra, Dhantril, Sonakhara, Dadpur. Chandaikona Khokshahat, Angara, Chalknur, Elangi and Chartelizana during 1992-93 fiscal year. The works will be completed within three months, district LGEB sources

#### Three Sarbaharamen nabbed

Raiganj police on secret information, arrested three alleged Sarbaharamen identified as Abdus Sattar, Altaf Hossain and Sakawat Hossian from Nimgachi Bazar and Amsara respectively.

The arrested persons were sent to jail hazat from the court. The accused persons however declined their connection with the Sarbahara

#### Rickshawpuller stabbed

Following feud over fare, rickshawpuller Abdul Baten was stabbed in Straiganj town recently.

In protest of the incident, the Rickshaw Workers' Union observed strike and police arrested one Sohel (24) in this connection.

## JCD meet

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Straiganj unit organised a meeting at the unit office with Sheikh Samsul Islam in the chair.

Among others Mir Shah Alam, Abdur Rouf Rubel, Abdul Matin, Rabiul Islam and Abu Taher spoke on the occasion. The speakers called upon all to protect peace and harmony in the educational institutions. Release of Golam

# Azam demanded

A meeting of Belkuchi thana Jamaat-e-Islami was held with Ali Alam in the chair.

Among others Moulana Abu Taher, Abdus Salam, Alhaj Abdul Mannan and Nazrul Islam delivered speech demanding immediate release of Prof Golam Azam.

Letter, a processions paraded the main roads chanting

### Tk one lakh property gutted

Property worth about Taka one lakh was gutted in village Saldair in Belkuchi thana re-

cently. Fire originated from the kitchen of one Jonab Ali and soon spread over three other houses. Eight tin-shed thatched houses, paddy, clothes and other valuables worth about Taka one lakh were brunt to ashes.

Local people brought the fire under control after one hour. Four persons including one woman were injured while fighting fire.

### Sirajganj clash: Bail prayers of 14 students rejected

SIRAJGANJ, May 10: Fourteen student activists today surrendered at Kazipur Thana Magistrate court seeking bail, police said, reports

The students were sent to jail after the court rejected bail petitions.

Local people said the students have been wanted by police for their alleged involvement in a clash that left 50 people injured on October 26,

The accused are BCL (M-I) activists Shahidul Islam, Murad, Rubel, Ranju, Wahab, Saidul, Rezaul, Bablu, Mahbub, Suruj Ali, Raju, Paran and Helal and JCD activists Abu Sayeed.

### Five dacoits nabbed

FENI, May 10: Police arrested five dacotts with looted goods worth Taka 50,000 and seized their car from Fozilpur at Feni by-pass road on Thursday, reports UNB.

The arrested were identified as Saifullah, Sudharam, Ladu Mia of Lahalmur Khandi village, Abdul Maleque of Cahguti village in Laxmipur district and Nurul Islam of Lalmohon in Bhola district. The dacoits after commit-

ting a dacoity in a house at Yakubpur village in Dhaganbhuiyan thana were fleeing to ·Chittagong by a car. Patrol police challenged and caught them red-handed. The looted goods include

television, cassette player and A case has been filed with the local thana.

Another message adds : A man was killed by lightning at Farhad Nagar village in Sadar thana on Friday.

## at Chandpur From Our Correspondent

CHANDPUR, May 10: Civic amenities in Chandpur Pourashava are absent for a long

> It is reported that the residents have not yet been provided with essential urban facilities despite upgradation of

the subdivision into district. The narrow roads and lanes are causing much difficulties for both pedestrians and vehicles. Due to lack of proper care and maintenance many roads were damaged. Roadside dishes are always filled with filth and garbages which have turn into ideal mosquito breeding centres. The government employees have been suffering due to lack of accommodation. The daily markets at Puran Bazar and Natun Bazar are in very bed conditions. Shops have been built in the markets in a haphazard way. On the other hand, lack of adequate number of street light cause much troubles to the town dwellers. Though the town was electrified some years ago, some roads are yet to be electrified. In absence of bulbs in the light-post some areas plunge into darkness just after sunset. The inhabitants are suffering much for want of pure drinking water as water supply scheme has not yet been implemented. Besides, recreational facilities is completely absent in the town. The roads and lanes are not cleaned regularly. Due to absence of dustbin, roads becomes dirty. Sports activities have also received a serious setback.

# Some 4.97 hectares of land under boro paddy farming

Civic amenities absent

MYMENSINGH, May 10: A total of 497,772 hectares have been brought under boro paddy cultivation in five districts or greater Mymensingh in the current season, reports

The greater Mymensingh included Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrakona, Kishorgani and Mymensingh districts.

An official source said, of the total, 422,254 hectares have been brought under high yielding variety while 75,518 hectares under local varieties. Besides, 57,776 hectares

were brought under wheat cultivation in the greater Mymensingh this year. The source said 305 demonstration plots for boro

paddy and 205 plots for wheat were set up in different parts of these five districts. The farmers of these demonstration plots were assisted by the agriculture department with fertilizer, seeds and insecti-

UNB report adds: A fivemember delegation of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Women's Affair Ministry visited the project site of "Technologies for Rural Employment with Special

The project is being implemented by the Department of Women's Affairs with the

The delegation led by the State Minister for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs ent units of the projects which included production of Vermicelli making, drying, packaging, bamboo basket making, improve poultry rearing and bee keeping.

The main objectives of the project is to create employment opportunity for the poor and destitute rural women and reduce their physical labour by utilising improved and appropriate technology.

Muktaghachha, 15 kilometres from here. The delegation showed keen interest in the project and appreciated the pro-

project. Halima Khatun of BNP and Hafeza Asma Khatun of Jamaat



CHANDPUR: Fisheries Department recently seized a huge quantity of fish fry. - Star photo

# Number of debt-ridden persons on increase

KISHOREGANJ, May 10: The number of debt-ridden persons are increasing day by day in the Kishoreganj district. In all the 13 thanas of the district, there are nearly 12,00,000 debt-ridden persons and the number is still increasing.

About 90 per cent of the indebted persons are farmers and the rest 10 per cent are weavers and small traders. All of them are now struggling for survival.

Indebtedness took a serious turn in 1984 due to natural calamities especially the devastating floods which hit year af-

The farmers have become indebted due to the sky high prices of agricultural inputs, other daily essentials, natural calamities and dowry system in the rural villages. The farmers have mort-

penses including daughters' marriage purposes. Many of them have sold their cultivable land and dwelling houses to repay the loan. A large number of cultivators have become destitute af-

gaged their agricultural land to

local wealthy persons and the

agricultural bank to receive

loan to meet their various ex-

### ter repaying their loan. ter year during the last few Three secondary schools need early repair

PATUAKHALI, May 10: Boga Union High School the Three secondary schools of the district have become unfit for use due to lack of repair and maintenance, reports UNB.

The Bauphal High School, Boga Union High School and Subidkhali High School are in bad shape for a long time and may collapse at any time, local guardians said.

Local people said the Bauphal High School established in the year 1919 is in dilapidated condition for a long time in the absence of repair and proper care. Five years ago the school was declared unfit for use. But the students are having their classes in the school building in the constant fear that the school building may collapse at

repair work of which is long overdue. Cracks have developed in many parts of the building and the plasters are falling down regularly. Guardians said that the students are attending their classes in the dilapidated building risking their life. Subidkhali High School also needed immediate repair as

lying in dilapidated condition for a long time. In the rainy season, the laboratory get submerged by the rain water and as a result the students are facing untold suffering to carry on their practical classes. Besides, the hostel of the

the laboratory of the school is

school is in bad condition and the residential students suffer much particularly in the rainy

Established in 1950 the

technical assistance of International Labour Organisation Sarwri Rahman visited differ-

A total of 90 women are working in different units of the the project situated at

grammes and progress of the The members of the delegation were Osman Gani Khan. Noorjahan Yasmin and Begum



# From Our Correspondent