

## National

## District roundup

## SATKHIRA

Indian trawler loaded with salt seized

July 12: Bangladesh Rifles seized an Indian trawler loaded with salt worth over Taka 50,000 while it was intruding into Bangladesh territory through the Raimongal river in Kaira thana on Friday noon, reports UNB.

A contingent of BDR jawans of Nilphamari Camp seized the trawler and recovered the contraband during their patrol in the river with a speed boat.

Sensing the arrival of the BDR jawans, the inmates of the trawler jumped into the river and managed to escape.

The seized trawler and salt were deposited with the Basantapur Customs godown.

A case was filed with the police.

## JHENDAH

Farmer slaughtered by miscreants

July 12: A farmer of Pol Bhaturia village in Harinakundu thana was slaughtered by the outlawed Purba Bangla Communist Party activists on Friday night, reports UNB.

Police said a gang of armed miscreants numbering about 9 called out Mujibur Rahman (45) from his house at about 11 pm and slaughtered him on a nearby road.

The reason behind the brutal killing could not be known. However, police recovered a leaflet of Purba Bangla Communist Party beside the body.

Police sent the body to the Jhenidah hospital for autopsy.

A case was filed with the police.

## COMILLA

Old woman killed in road mishap

July 12: An old woman was killed on the spot and six others were seriously injured in a road accident on Comilla by pass road Friday noon, reports UNB.

According to reports, the accident occurred when a micro-bus collided head on with a truck coming from opposite direction. The identity of the ill-fated woman could not be known immediately.

The dead and the injured were the passengers of the micro-bus. The injured were rushed to the Comilla General Hospital.

Police seized both the vehicles but both the drivers managed to flee.

A case was filed with the Kotwali police.

## RANGPUR

One gets life-term for killing wife

July 12: A man sentenced to life imprisonment on charge of killing his wife, court sources said here on Sunday, reports UNB.

The convicted Badu Mia was also fined Taka 5,000 or in default to suffer one year rigorous imprisonment more.

The case, in brief, was that Badu Mia of village Echarchi in Taraganj thana of the district beat his wife mercilessly causing her instant death following a family feud on June 16, 1991.

District and Sessions Judge Ali Asgar Khan after examining the witnesses and records awarded the punishment on Tuesday.

## FENI

Dacoits hurt 3, loot Tk 20,000

July 12: Three people including a woman were seriously injured when dacoits opened fire on them at village Shadpur in Companiganj thana of the district, reports UNB.

Villagers said a gang of robbers raided a house of Siddulha on June 24 and when inmates raised hue and cry the dacoits opened fire on them injuring the householder, his son Tawhid and maid servant Anwara Begum seriously.

They decamped with cash Taka 20,000. The injured were sent to Noakhali sadar hospital in a critical condition.

A case was filed with the police.

Another report adds: A poor father of village Azizpur in Daganbhuyan thana Friday appealed to the Home Minister to direct the district administration to rescue his kidnapped daughter without further delay.

The victim Yasmin married to Mohammad Hanif of Ramgati thana in Laxmipur district was kidnapped from her father's house on June 9 by some miscreants.

District administration could not rescue her even after 30 days of her kidnapping despite of a specific case with the local police against six miscreants.

The poor father went door to door to the town fathers to help rescue her daughter, local people said alleging that police could not even arrest one of the culprits though they are moving freely.

## MAULVIBAZAR

Saifur opens 2 more bridges

July 12: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman inaugurated two more bridges on the Dhaka-Sylhet Highway at Khalishpur and Sadhupatti under Moulvibazar district on Saturday, reports BSS.

In all seven bridges have been opened to traffic on the highway, built with the British government's financial assistance under priority-B project.

Construction work on another 17 bridges under the same project is nearing completion at Dhaka-Khulna, Chittagong-Rangamati and Sylhet-Tamabil highways. The length of these bridges ranges between 15 to 85 meter.

Addressing a spontaneous gathering at Sarkar Bazar, the Finance Minister said the democratic government of Begum Khaleda Zia would continue its endeavour to build an effective communication network throughout the country.

He asked the people from all walks of life to strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia with a view to consolidating democracy and development oriented politics launched by the present government.

Earlier, the Finance Minister reviewed the progress of the post-flood rehabilitation programme in Sri Mongal Town Hall.

**FARIDPUR**  
Tributes paid to Shamsuddin Molla

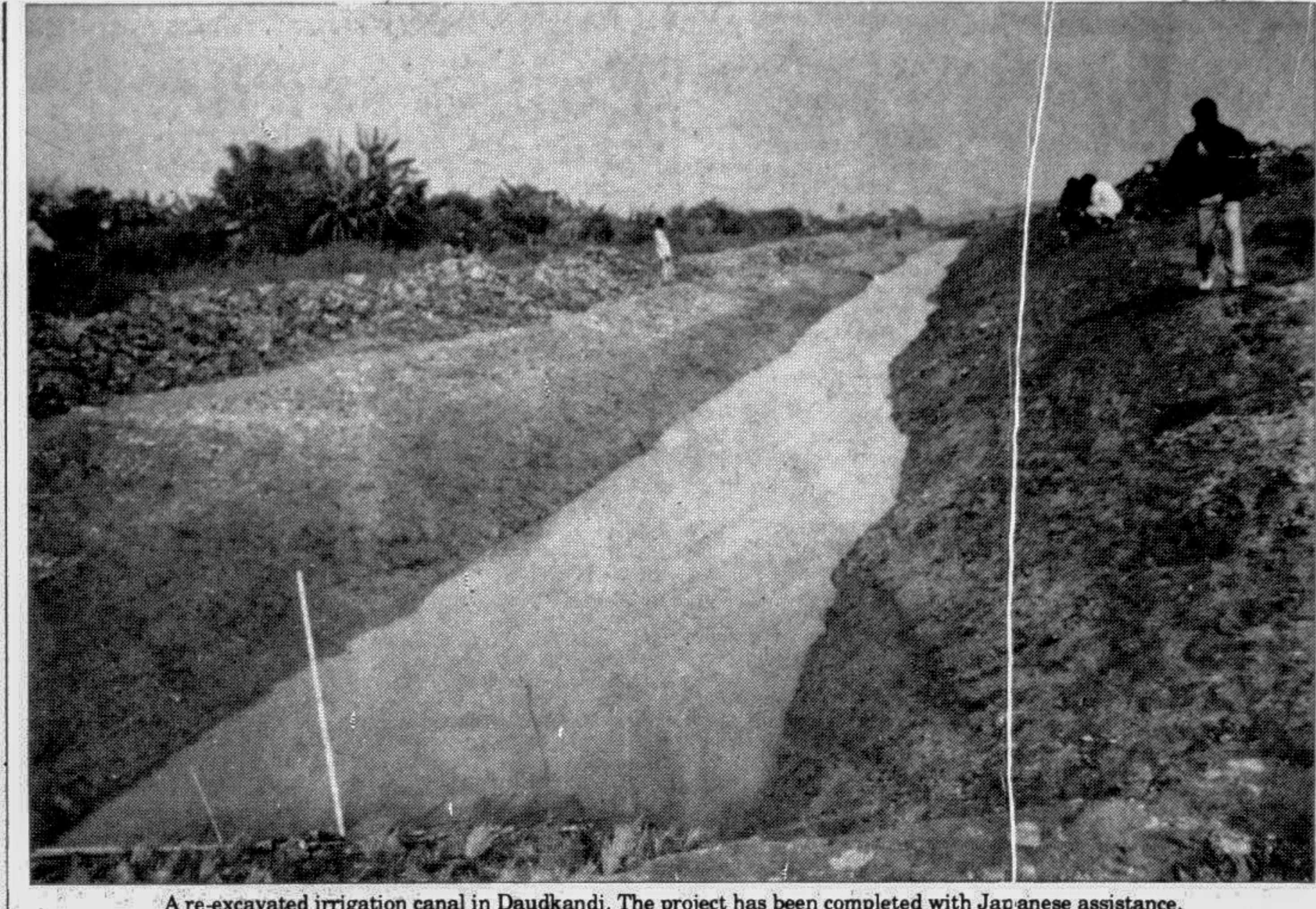
July 12: The second death anniversary of eminent politician and lawyer Shamsuddin Molla was observed here with due respect, reports BSS.

Shamsuddin Molla Smriti Prishad, Awami League, Chhatra League, Jubo League and other front organisations jointly chalked out elaborate programme to observe the day in a befitting manner.

He was an Awami League central committee member and an MNA during the erstwhile Pakistan period and was elected Member of Parliament in 1973 elections. He was also the Vice-President of Bangladesh Bar Council and President of Faridpur District Bar Association.

Party workers and well-wishers placed wreaths at the graveyard of late Molla at his village home at Chumurdhi under Bhanga thana.

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A re-excavated irrigation canal in Daudkandi. The project has been completed with Japanese assistance.

## Chilmari to Koikhali border area now smuggler's paradise

From Our Correspondent

**JESSORE**, July 12: Five hundred ninety-eight kilometre-long border sprawling from Chilmari to Koikhali on southwest of the country encourage smuggling as terrorists and professional criminals turn to illicit trade to earn money for purchase of arms and explosives to gear up terrorist activities.

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Since West Bengal Capital Calcutta is on proximity to this frontier, contrabands from different parts of India are collected here for transit to Bangladesh through this way.

Reports received here indicate that smugglers are aided by the police, BDR and Customs Department. They are also given tokens by police to carry out the business.

According to witnesses, seizure was roughly one per cent of the total.

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Informed source also indicates that patronage and backing of the concerned department, is otherwise inviting such clinics to operate such way. It is alleged that growth of these clinics are causing heavy loss to the government as revenue.

Cases of unhygienic conditions, maltreatment and irregularities, have been reported against a number of the clinics during survey conducted unofficially by a team of government officials a few days ago.

It is learnt that both registered and unregistered clinics in the town are functioning almost unabated defying the government rules.

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It is alleged that paid agents from each clinic are working to collect patients for admission. Allegations received here from patients indicate that doctors in local general hospital seem to be very irresponsible in attending patients in hospital. They are found to remain busy with clinic jobs rather than paying more attention to the hospital patients.

A registered private clinic, according to government rules, must fulfill the minimum requirements as per rules. Each shift should have a team of a MBBS doctor, three qualified nurses, one pharmacist, one midwife and a sweeper. Besides a clinic should have a capacity of minimum 10 beds along with a modern operation theatre with necessary surgical equipment.

Most of the clinics however, lack these facilities violating the government rules. Allegations say the number of doctors attending patients are quite irregular despite proper visit rules. Further, most patients complain of maltreatment and doctors prescribing unnecessary medicines.

## Flood situation in Sirajganj, Sherpur deteriorates

**SIRAJGANJ**, July 12: Flood situation deteriorated in the district, affecting 62 more villages in seven thanas during the last 24 hours as the river Jamuna and its tributaries continued to swell with onrush of water from northern hilly areas from across the border in India, reports UNB.

Of the new villages inundated, 40 are in Kazipur, 10 in Shahjadpur, 4 in Ulapara, 7 in Tarash and 11 in Chouiali. With the new areas, the figure of total affected villages rose to 170.

Officials said the water level of the Jamuna decreased by 5 CM and it was flowing 12 CM below the danger level at Sirajganj town point. Its tributaries, however, rose substantially.

Local leaders said about 20,500 people were marooned on the Jamuna basins at different villages in Kazipur, Beikuchi, Chouiali, Shahjadpur and Sadar thanas during the last 24 hours, raising the total figure to 4,500 people.

Another report from Sherpur says: The Brahmaputra Flood Control Embankment collapsed at several places under a heavy pressure of rolling water from upstream, inundating vast areas in 21 villages in the Sadar and Belkuchi in last 48 hours.

These pieces will be distributed among the rest of the districts of Dhaka division and all districts of Khulna, Rajshahi and Barisal divisions, officials said.

The DIG Police of Khulna range Ashraful Huda, Chairman of the Port Nazrul Hossain and the Deputy Commissioner of Khulna and Bagherhat were present on the occasion.

## KHULNA

32,170 pieces of Saudi meat arrive at Mongla Port

July 12: Bangladesh received 32,170 pieces of Saudi meat at the Mongla Port on Saturday, reports UNB.

The Saudi government had granted 55,000 pieces of sacrificial meat for Bangladesh this year.

Earlier, 23,830 pieces were handed over to the Bangladesh authorities at Chittagong Port for all districts of Chittagong division and six districts of Dhaka Division.

Islamic Development Bank representative Ali Ishaq Al Hashemi formally handed over the rest pieces of meat on behalf of the Saudi government to Khulna Divisional Commissioner Abdul Moktadir on Saturday.

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## NARSINGDI

Four children drowned

July 12: Four children drowned in two incidents in Monohordi thana under Narsingdi district recently, reports BSS.

Eye witnesses said Abdul Hossain (5), son of one Abdul Awan of village Baghob and Faruk (6), son of one Fazlul Haq of village Chandanbari drowned in a pond while they were taking bath.

In another incident Tania (3), daughter of one Lal Miah and Parveen (3), daughter of one unknown person of the village Tekirpara drowned in a ditch.



RANGPUR: A scene from the drama "Lakhi Nurjahan" written by Ariful Haque Raju, a local journalist of a national daily was staged at Rangpur Town Hall under the auspices of "Bikin Natya and Sanskriti Kendra" recently.

## Notes From Sylhet

From Our Correspondent

**SYLHET**, July 12: A body of an unknown young man was recovered by the police of Companiganj thana recently.

According to the reports, the body was found floating in the Jhautin beel. One getting information, a police party recovered the body from the Kararpan Band.

### Classes resume

Classes of the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College will resume July 17 next after remaining closed for two and a half months. The decision was taken at a meeting held in the college with principal in the chair on Sunday last.

The college was closed since following a series of clashes between the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Islami Chhatra Shibir on the college campus on May 3 last.

Meanwhile, more than a hundred people were rendered homeless in erosion by the major river which also devoured a non-government primary school.

Armed miscreants looted away a gun and valuables worth about Taka two lakh from a house at Ambarkhana Baro bazar area of Sylhet town recently.

According to the reports, a gang of about 8 to 9 miscreants armed with deadly weapons entered the house of Hasib Chowdhury at about 3:30 am. They entered into the house by breaking often the grill and forced the inmates to gather in a room. They took away one SBB gun, gold ornaments, money in cash and other valuables worth about Taka two lakh from the house.

Youngman killed in road mishap

A youngman was killed in a road mishap on Sylhet-Tamabil road at Tilagarh area recently.

According to reports, the victim, Matlur Rahman, 30 was on his way to the Sylhet town from Majortila area on a motorcycle. A speeding truck (No. Sylhet-02-1177) from the opposite direction hit his cycle. He was rushed to the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital where he was declared dead.

The driver of the truck, however managed to escape from the spot along with the truck.

The victim Mostafa, son of Murshed of Noshedpur village

## 238 development schemes completed last year

**FENI**, July 12: At least 238 uplift schemes of construction and repair of roads, bridges and culverts at a cost of Taka 3.19 crore in five thanas were implemented in the last fiscal year, reports UNB.

Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) of the district and Thana Development Committee executed the schemes in Sadar, Chhagalnayaka, Parshuram, Sonagazi and Daganbhuyan thanas.

According to official sources, work on construction of 21 roads and one bridge was completed at a cost of Taka 2.20 crore sanctioned by Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The LGED also completed maintenance work on 94 roads and culverts at a cost of Taka 36 lakh sanctioned by Annual Development Programme (ADP).

Thana Development Commi-

tee of five thanas of the district completed 122 schemes of reconstruction of roads, bridges and culverts at a cost of Taka 63 lakh sanctioned by the ADB.

Another report says: Bangladesh Rifles seized smuggled goods worth about Taka 5 lakh from Chhagalnayaka Thana in the last one week.

The BDR jawans of 7 Rifle Battalion raided Arshadullah Saw Mill, Jasim Saw Mill and Abdul Ahad Saw Mill in Chhagalnayaka bazar and seized timber worth about Taka 4.52 lakh.

The BDR also raided two stores at Korerhat and seized Indian medicines and cosmetics worth about Taka 47,344.