and have no facilities like wait-

ing sheds and lights causing in-

Local leaders have de-

convenience to the passengers.

manded to take necessary steps

to stop harassment, improve

ferry services and compel the

leaseholders to abide by the

Bidis sold

without bandrolls

haats and bazars of the district

without bandrolls to evade duly

causing a huge revenue loss to

involved in this malpractice: in

collaboration with the local

Customs and Excise Depart-

Children suffer

Bidis are being sold in the:

Many bidi factory owners are

terms and conditions.

the government.

ernment.

treatment.

District roundup

B'BARIA

Flood destroys pisciculture projects

From Our Correspondent

July 18: The recent flash flood due to torrential rain and onrush of hilly water has badly affected the pond fisheries and fish cultivation projects in the district causing huge financial losses to the pisciculture.

Low lying areas of the seven thanas of the district were more or less affected. Bank of the ponds went under water due to heavy rain. As a result, huge number of fishes of the different ponds went out with the flood water.

MADARIPUR

Load shedding frequent

From Our Correspondent

July 18: Electricity consumers here are facing manifold problems due to frequent load shedding and over billing. Local people complain that

due to frequent load shedding hampers production in mills and factories.

Power failure has become a regular feature as the poorly managed electric wires develop faults during heavy rainfall at the town.

FARIDPUR

AGM of Press Club held

From Our Correspondent

July 18: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) and election of the executive committee of Faridpur Press Club was held here at club auditorium recently.

Md Liaquat Hossain, President of the club conducted the election.

The new office-bearers of the committee are: President - Md Imamul Azam Abdur Rab, vice presidents - Jogodish Chandra Ghose (Bangladesh Observer) and Md Asraful Azam Abdur (Isfulingo), General Secretary - Md Abdul Ali Sikdar (Bangladesh Times) Joint Secretary - Md Salauddin Bablu (Dainik Inqilab). Treasurer - Md Ali Asraf (Dainik Sangram) and exoffice Md Liaquat Hossain (BTV/Dainik Bangla).

The elected members are: 'Md Syedur Rahman (Ratan) (Daily Star), Md Delower Hossain (Dainik Ittefaq), Ahmad Feroze (Dainik Meillat) and Md Tomizuddin Taz (Dainik

CHUADANGA

Dinkal).

World Population Day observed

From Our Correspondent July 18: The World Population Day '93 was observed here recently.

On this occasion, a day-long programme was chalked out by the Chuadanga district Family Planning Department. The programme included a big proces sion of the family planning departmental officials, health visitors, family planing assistants and family planning welfare assistants. The processionists bearing placards and banners paraded through main streets of the town chanting slogans.

In the afternoon, a discussion meeting was held at Dingedah High School auditorium under Sankar Chandra union of Sadar thana. The Deputy Commissioner of Cauadanga M Tajul Islam was present on the occasion as the chief guest. Abu Eusuf, Deputy Director of Family Planning, Chuadanga presided over the

NAOGAON

function.

Two arrested with gun

July 18: Sadar thana police recovered one pipe-gun and arrested two people in this connection, police said here

Tuesday, reports UNB. Acting on secret information. police raided a cow-shed of Afsar Alt Mondal at Bhimpur village and recovered the arms

Police also arrested Afsar Ali Mondal and Abdul Jabbar in this connection. A case has

been filed against them. Another report adds that a workshop of Union Parishad Chairmen was held at the local thana Development Centre re-

cently. Rajshahi Divisional Commtsstoner M Amtnul Islam was present as chief guest while Deputy Commissioner Mahmood Hossain Alamgir, Dr. Saber Alt, Afsar Alt also at-

tended as special guests. Chairmen from 11 thanas participated in the workshop.

RANGPUR

One sentenced to life-term for murder

From Our Correspondent

July 18: Ali Asgar Khan, District and Sessions Judge, Rangpur as sentenced one Bedu Mia of Taraganj thana to lifeterm and fined him Tk five thousand in default to suffer another one year RI on charge of killing his wife.

Prosecution story in brief was that accused Bedu Mia had hit by a stick his wife for breaking a leg of a domestic goat. His wife died on the spot.

Taraganj police after investigation submitted charge-sheet against Bedu Mia. Prosecution case was conducted by Abdur Rashid Chowdhury, PP. Rangpur.

Another report says: Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) has realised a revenue of Tk 139 crore 37 lakh up to May since July last, from northern zone Rajshahi divi-

About 56 thousand electric connections were snapped for non-payment of arrear dues.

KHULNA

Speaker calls for ensuring health care for children

July 18: Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Razzaque Ali called for ensuring proper health care for children in the country, reports BSS.

"Proper health care for children is our moral obligation, the speaker said while addressing the inaugural function of the newly-constructed building of Khulna Shishu Hospital on Friday at the hospital premises.

The hospital was established and run by Khulna Shishu Foundation. The building was constructed at a cost of about Taka 18 lakh.

Presided over by the Khulna Divisional Commissioner Abdul Kukhtadir Chowdhury, who is also the president of the foundation, the function was addressed, among others, by the Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Sheikh Tayebur Rahman and noted child specialist Dr M

Sheikh Razzaque Ali called upon the people especially the affluent ones to extend their helping hands to the medicare service for children and desti-

NETRAKONA

Post-flood rehabilitation

programme July 18: A post-flood reha-

bilitation programme sponsored by Concern, Non-Government Organisation (NGO) was started on Saturday in the remote haor areas of Khaliajuri thana under Netrakona district, reports

Deputy Commissioner, Netrakona Dewan Afseruddin said that a relief team of the NGO called on him at his office yesterday. The team informed him that under the post-flood rehabilitation programme, they would distribute 40,000 kgs of rice, 40,000 kgs of pulse. 10,000 pieces of saree, 1,000 pieces of lungi, 2,000 sets of baby garments, 2,000 packets of biscuits and 3,000 packets of oral saline among the flood victims of the haor areas of Chakua, Mandipur and Krisnapur umon under Khaliajuri thana.

The flood triggered by on rush of hilly water from across the border had caused extensive damage to crops and property in Khaliajuri thana.

BARISAL

Four killed in incidents

July 18: Four persons including one woman were killed in the district in separate accidents recently, police source

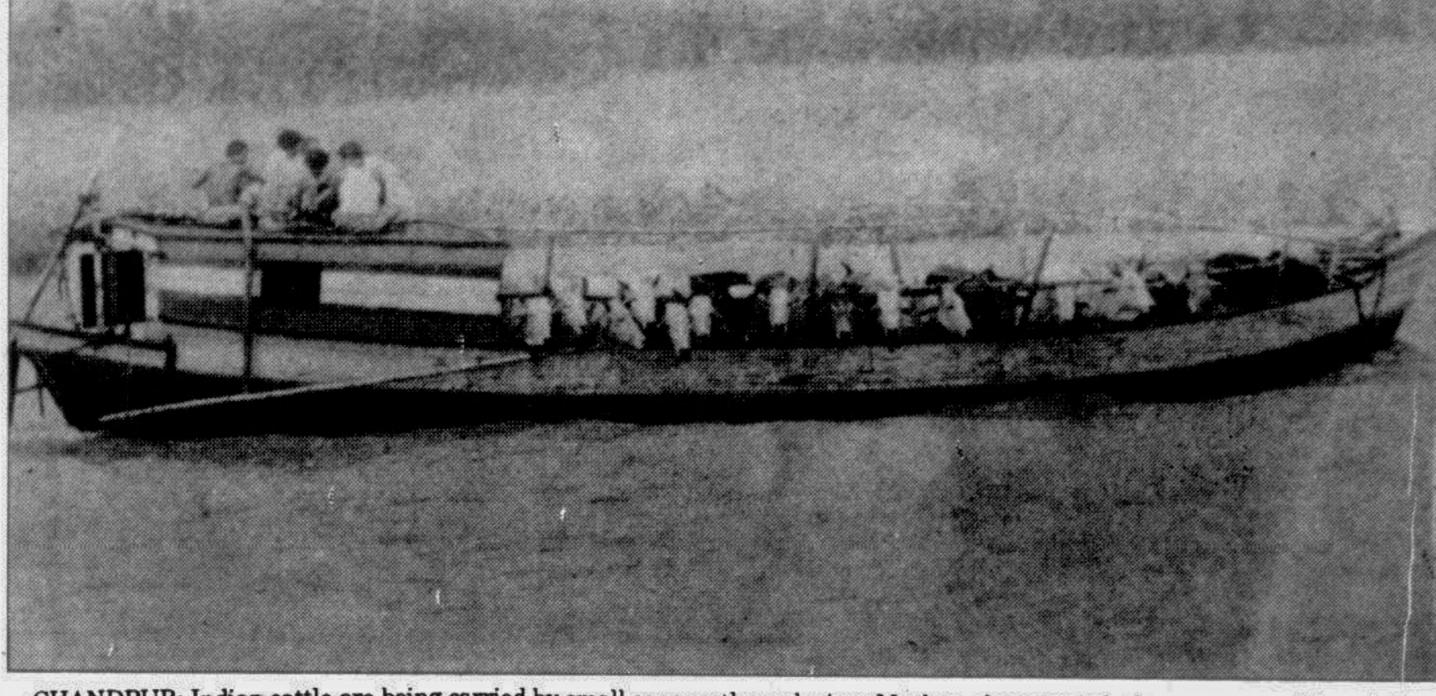
said, reports BSS. One A Satter (35), a helper of a passenger bus, was crushed under the wheels of a truck at Rakudia under Babugaing thana about 15 kilometres from here. One Kazi Mosharraf Hossain (32), a boatman, was killed near Miarhat launchghat, about 30 kilometres from here in Sandhya river while he was allegedly wrapped round the paddles of a passenger launch

on Thursday. One Shiuli Akhtar (20), a house-wife of the village Kandapasha, under Gournadi thana was allegedly killed on Tuesday. One rickshawpuller Babul (30) was allegedly killed in a grocery at Hospital road on

Friday All the bodies were sent to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

Separate police cases were filed with respective thana, the source added.





CHANDPUR: Indian cattle are being carried by small cargoes through river Meghna almost regularly.

- Star photo

Bumper aman production expected

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, July 18: At least 35.66 lakh metric tons of aman paddy likely to be produced in 16 northern districts of the country during the current fiscal year, official sources dis-According to the sources,

over 16.16 lakh hectares of land have been brought under aman paddy cultivation in the sixteen districts.

These districts are divided into two zones - Rajshahi and Rangpur. The district-wise break-up of the two zones are as follows: Under Rajshahi zone, 65,700 metric tons of aman paddy is expected to be produced on over 27,000 hectares of land in Natore while 1,22,600 metric tons on over 52,000 hectares of land in Chapainawabganj, 3,48,200 metric tons on 1,63,000 hectares of land in Naogaon, 4,02,600 metric tons on 1,83,000 hectares of land in

BARGUNA, July 18 1 A large

number of children of remote

villages aged between eight to

twelve years in five police sta-

tions under Barguna district

remain engaged in different

petty jobs instead of going to

schools, As a result, continuous

dropout of school going chil-

dren in remote primary schools

in the district is increasing al-

Poverty stricken farmers in-

stead of sending their children

to schools, prefer to engage

them in some income oriented

works like laborer, cattle graz-

ing or rickshaw-puller etc. As a

result, in a tender age, the chil-

dren are compelled to engage in

cal labour in exchange of poor

district either marginal or

landless can not afford educa-

tional expenditures for their

children. Many of them dislike

education for their children be-

cause they are illiterate by in-

heritances as they say. Fathers

themselves encourage their

children to involve in any kind

of job for a handful of rice or for

dened with six to ten children

under the cover of so-called,

family planning. Facing over-

burden of livelihood, farmers

engage their children in any

kind of work from childhood. In

this consequence, such children

turn into farm labourers and

earn as much as possible for

their poverty stricken family

During crop harvesting sea-

son a large number of farm

labourers go to distant places in

search of work where they could

the remote areas of the district

are facing acute shortage of

students and the problems are

Another report says: The in-

habitants of Barguna sadar

thana have been smarting un-

der multiple problems, which

being intensified everyday.

Hence, primary schools in

find some more wages.

Most of farmers are bur-

Most of the farmers in the

different works rendering physi-

most everyday.

remuneration.

petty earnings.

members.

Bogra, 1,72,000 metric tons of aman on 71,000 hectares of land in Joypurhat, 87,200 metric tons on 34,000 hectares in Pabna, 1,10,000 metric tons on 53,800 hectares in Sirajganj and 1,62,600 metric tons on 69,000 hectares of land in Rajshahi.

Rangpur zone, 2,42,000 metric tons of aman paddy is expected on 1,16,000 hectares of land in Kurigram while 2,56,600 metric tons on 1, 19,000 hectares in Gaibandha 2,26,610 metric tones on 1,02,850 hectares in Nilphamari 1,63,260 metric tons on 74,000 hectares in Lalmonirhat, 1,82, 264 metric tones on over 90,000 hectares in Panchagarh, over two lakh metric tons on 96,000 hectares in Thakurgaon, 4,86,200 metric tones on 2,17,000 hectares in Dinapur and 3,37,800 metric tons of paddy on 1,46,800

Poverty bar to child education

From Our Correspondent

are retarding people's efforts for

The thana, having a popula-

tion of about one lakh in ten

unions spreading over 80

square miles is yet to be be-

stowed with minimum civic

amenities Barguna was up

graded into thana in 1980 with

Badarkhali, Gavrichanna

Fulzhuri, Aylapataghata,

Keyorabunia, Burirchar,

Dhalua, Barguna, Baliatali and

Lack of good drainage sys-

tems deplorable condition of

roads, paucity of safe water,

lack of recreational facilities,

inadequate street lighting

shortage of accommodation and

frequent erosions of the river

are the main problems which

town area are narrow and are

unfit for the paedestrians as

well as vehicular traffic and

need to be metalled early. For

verge of

extinction in

Patuakhali

PATUAKHALI, July 18: The

traditional pottery is now on the

verge of extinction in Patuakhali

district due to acute scarcity of

inputs and financial hardship,

abnormal increase in price of

fuel wood, clay and other mate-

rials essential for industry has

compelled the potters of the

district to discontinue their tra-

products have been facing

unequal competition from alu-

minium and synthetic products

district are taking other profes

loan and supply of necessary

inputs at a cheaper rate would

save this important cottage in-

sions to earn their livelihood.

Now most of the potters of the

They feel that interest-free

On the other hand, their

According to local potters

reports BSS

ditional trade

Pottery on the

Most of the roads in the

people are facing since long.

Naltona union.

a happy and prosperous life.

hectares of land in Rangpur dis-

The sources mentioned that the production target of Ufshi variety was fixed at 2.60 metric tons per hectares while 1.40 metric tons of paddy per hectares of land was fixed for local variety.

The BAED and BADC will provide the farmers with agriinputs, it was learnt. The farmers have become

disappointed following the abnormal fall in paddy prices during previous year, said an

Budget announced

Zila Parishad, Natore announced Taka 1,76,41,850 annual budget for the fiscal 1993-

94 recently. Makhon Lal Majumdar of Natore Zila Parishad, while announcing the budget in the con-

ference room of the parishad,

want of proper care and main-

tenance breaches have devel-

oped at different places of the

roads, even after slight rainfall

these roads become muddy and

slippery Road side ditches are

filled with garbages which turn

into an ideal breeding center for

The literacy rate of the thana

is only 15 per cent. The educa-

tional institutions in the thana

are beset with many problems.

There are only two colleges, 10

high schools, 8 madrashas, 40

government primary schools in

the thana. Most of these insti-

tutions cannot run smoothly for

shortage of furniture, teachers

and other educational appli-

Another report adds: Acute

scarcity of fish in almost all the

hats and bazars of Barguna

district has been prevailing for

long adversely affecting the

fish except hilsha, shoul, gazal,

taki, pangash, poma, topshe

etc. have almost disappeared

from the markets. Hilsha is also

selling between Taka 80 and 90

per kilogram which is beyond

the purchasing capacity of the

common people. In previous

years during the months of

Asharh and Sravan, various

kinds of fish were seen in each

and every ponds, beels and

son these categories of fish

Meat sellers of the district

Beef and mutton are being

have increased the price of meat

only to add to the sufferings of

the low income group of people.

sold at Taka 60 to 70 per kilo-

gram respectively against Taka

ermen catch fish fries of poma,

pangash, topshe etc. with cur-

rent nets which is strictly for-

bidden by the government. But

despite local Fisheries

Department's knowledge of this

they seem to take no such steps

to halt this

It is alleged that some fish-

40 to 50 two months back.

haors. But in the current sea-

seems to be very rare.

Local people complain that

the mosquitoes.

Parishad will earn about Taka 45,00,000 as DC tax. He further disclosed that Taka 22,00,000 will be spent for constructing a super market in the district sadar. The authority will also spend Taka 6,90,000 for afforestation and pisciculture development.

said that government will pro-

vide Taka 77,25,799 as devel-

opment grant and Taka

30,00,000 as special grant for

repairing and reconstructing

the roads eroded during flood

in the districts. The Zila

The authority is expected to introduce and extend the mass education programme at a cost of Taka 1,80,000.

Taka 5,44,000 is expected to be earned from Natore Town Hall and the official rest house. A total of Taka 1,75,67,841

has been estimated as possible expenses. This leaves over 74,000 taka in surplus as cal-

Punishment indeed!

MADARIPUR, July 18: A man was fined Tk 10,000 for stealing 100 gram of 'Muri,' a kind of food made by parching rice on hot sand, from a grocery at Krokchar village in Shibchar thana of the district, reports

village took away the 'muri' from the shop of one Hossain Bepary at Krokchar haat without informing him.

arbitration and the village headman, after examining the witnesses and evidences, found Hawlader guilty and fined him Tk 10,000 for committing theft on July 10, local people said.

Notes from Sirajganj

road under Raiganj thana on and died on the spot.

The driver managed to flee with the killer truck. A case was lodged with Raiganj police in this connection. The body was sent to Sadar hospital for au-Minor boy drowned

Abul Hossain (8) son of

Hossain Ali of Malshapara at Siraigani town drowned in a pond recently.

was recovered.

Gamblers assault

Kasimuddin and Saidur Rahman, Officer-in-Charge and a constable of Belkuchi thana were attacked by the gamblers recently.

The OC however, managed to flee but the constable sustained The policemen when raided

two separate gambler's dens one at Saratia under Sadar thana and the other at Randhunibari under Belkuchi thana, the gamblers chased them and snatched away one of their fellow gamblers and gambling materials.

Later, local people rescued the constable. A case was lodged with Belkuchi police in this connection.

Headmaster sacked

Sushil Kumar Ghosh, Headmaster of Lahiri Mohanpur Girls' High School under Ullapara thana was terminated from service for alleged irregularities and misappropriation of school fund.

Earlier, since September '91 all government grants for the school were stopped since

Abu Hawlader Mish of the

Later Hossain called for an can not be rooted out from the society adding that smuggling has been eating up the vitals of

From Our Correspondent SIRAJGANJ, July 18: One Abdul Aziz (32) of village Nimaichara under Tarash thana was run over by a Bogra bound speeding truck at Dhangara Dhaka-Bogra Highway recently

Abul Hossain while taking bath in the pond fell in deep water. Later, his floated body

policemen

ment officials. In many cases, bidis are being sold with used As a result, they are compelled bandrolls collected from the retailers to deceive the gov-

from malnutrition Hundreds of children in Kurigram and Lalmonirhat districts have been suffering from malnutrition, glaucoma and jaundice for want of proper

of the two districts have been suffering from skin and intestinal diseases. According to local physi-

Besides, 60 per cent children

cians, children are deprived of necessary vitamins as the caloric value of foodstuff they take is far from satisfactory.

Patriotic people urged to rise against smugglers the country's economy. They

Open sale of Indian

insecticides

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, July 18: Indian

insecticides are being sold

openly in different markets of

Kurigram and Lalmonirhat dis-

ticides like, theodin, theonel,

hengidel, and vidol which are

harmful to animal, fish, crops,

frog, pests and insects, destroy

that extensive use of such

chemicals have been destroying

soil fertility and polluting envi-

ronment which will seriously af-

fect ecological balance, fish and

The local cultivators in-

formed this correspondent that

most of the local insecticides in

the markets are adulterated, in-

effective as well as expensive.

to use smuggled Indian insecti-

On the other hand, the un-

scrupulous traders are selling

local insecticides at an exorbi-

tant price to patronise smuggled

Passengers

harassed

being harassed and charged ex-

orbitant rates by the leasehold

ers at ferry ghats in the district,

it is alleged by the local leaders.

had been demanding much

higher than the fixed rate of en-

been left without maintenance

They said the leaseholders

But the ferry ghats have

Passengers and traders are

Indian insecticides.

The agricultural experts said

the fertility of land.

crop output.

cides.

The smuggled Indian insec-

BRAHMANBARIA, July discussion meeting on 'Checking Border-belt Crime' was held here at Islampur High School premises in Sadar thana on Thursday, reports UNB.

Jointly organised by three police stations of the district, it was presided over by Mizanul Islam, Chairman of Budhanti union parishad. Among others, the meeting was addressed by Chowdhury Mohammad Ali, Officer-in-Charge of Sadar police station; Niaz Mohammad OC of Madhabpur police station, Sheikh Sikander Ali, OC of Nasirnagar police station.

The speakers called upon the members of the public to cooperate with the law enforcing border areas and nab the pi-

agencies to check crimes in the They said without people's cooperation anti-social activities

also urged the patriotic people to rise against the smugglers. Local elite and political leaders also attended the meeting. **Erosion takes**

serious turn Erosion of the mighty

Meghna in Nabinagar thana of the district took serious turn due to onrush of flood water from the upper region of Sylhet. About 150 families were ren-

dered homeless on account of erosion in Chitri, Darilapang and Char Lapang villages in the ast one week. While talking to UNB, Golam

Kibria Golap, UP Chairman of the area, said the affected people are passing their days in great hardship under the open

He urged the concerned authority to supply necessary food and medicines to the victims and sanction grants for their early rehabilitation.

smuggled Indian goods worth

about four lakh taka from a

house in Kaliganj thana on

Following a tip off, BDR

awans of Nildomar Battalion

raided the house of Rafiqui

Wazed of Barasimla village in

40 injured in clashes over land dispute

SATKHIRA, July 18: At least 40 people were injured, 10 seriously, in two separate land disputes at Bandakati and Sota in Kaliganj thana on Friday, reports UNB.

The seriously injured were admitted to the Kaligani and Shyamnagar Hospitals where the condition of Swapon, Milon, Rafiqul, Shafiqul, Lutfar and Amjad were stated to be critical. Witnesses and police said

where the rival groups attacked each other with lethal weapons. Kaliganj and Shyamnagar police

but none was arrested so far. Bangladesh Rifles seized the evening and recovered Indian saree and other cloth-The seized goods were deposited with local customs

Local people said smuggling of Indian goods is rampant in the area and some influential people are patronising the smugglers for their selfish end.

are with them and we will be

Another report says

Jamaat-e-Islami leaders said in

Chittagong Friday that their

party would continue to strive

for establishing laws of Allah

and the rule of honest people in

honest people in the country

poverty of common people can-

northern gate of Shahi Jame

Masjid at Andarkilla here,

Jamaat assistant general secre-

tary, Makbul Ahmad and cen-

tral committee member

Maulana Muhammad Hussain

said, Jamaat stands for a wel-

fare state and as such its

movements to achieve objectives

chairmanship of city Jamaat-e-

Islami Amir Maulana Abu

Taher was part of Jamaat's

shukrana dibosh programme

observed Friday on the release

from detention of its leader Prof

Gulam Azam. Local leaders of

party Absaruddin

The rally held under the

are carried on peacefully.

not be removed, they said.

Without establishing rule of

Addressing a big rally at the

360 feet long bridge opens

CHITTAGONG, July 18: The 360 feet long and 12 feet wide Barkal bridge connecting Chandanaish and Anwara thanas of south Chittagong is now open to traffic, reports

Communications Minister Oli Ahmad formally opened the bridge Thursday. The three span steel bridge on permanent concrete structure has been constructed at a cost of taka two crore 60 lakh in less than a year to fulfil a long-awaited local demand, an official handout

The bridge will immensely benefit the people of three thanas of southern Chittagong-Chandanaish, Anwara and Satkania.

Speaking on the occasion the Communications Minister said development, construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation works done by the democratic government in communications sector in a span of little over two years had surpassed the total bulk of that of the autocratic government.

Oli Ahmad said the present government could read the minds of the people better than any of the previous govern-

Chowdhury, Prof Mofizur Rahman and Badiul Alam among others, also addressed the rally. A big procession was

brought out after the rally. which passed through main city

"We do not know how to be-JHENIDAH: Kaliganj police arrested the six dacoits from a night coach near Barobazar September '91. Later, the mantray with the interests of the recently. Police also recovered huge quantities of arms and ammunition from their possession. aging committee of the school masses," he added and went on - Star photo terminated the headmaster. saying "we were with them, we

the disputes ensued over the godowns and a case was filed possession of two plots of land with the police. Two cases were filed with

with them."

the country.