

District roundup

BARISAL

6 get life-term for murder

From Our Correspondent
July 25: Beluzzaman Muhammad Saleh, Additional District and Sessions Judge sentenced Babul Howlader, Abdul Kalam Howlader, Kabir Howlader, Sohrab Howlader, Kanchan Howlader and Faruk Howlader of Baherchat Khudrakathi village of Babuganj thana under this district to life-term imprisonment for killing one Mohammad Nuru Howlader of the same village.
The case in brief is that on March 19, 1992 Nuru Howlader beat up a cow of the accused persons when it entered into his pulse field. The accused persons came to the spot beat Nuru mercilessly with sticks and left him on the field. Later, he was taken to nearby hospital where he died.
On the next day, wife of Nuru Howlader Kariman Bibi lodged a case with the Babuganj PS in his connection.

GAIBANDHA

Rotary Club meet held

From Our Correspondent
July 25: Seventh installation ceremony of Board of Directors of Rotary Club, Gaibandha was held at local Mohila College auditorium recently.

Rotarian M Mosharaf Hossain, District Governor, nominees 1994-95, Rotary International District 3280 was present as chief guest.

Shahjada Anowerul Quadir and Sultan Uddin Ahmed became the president and secretary of Gaibandha club for the year 1993-94 and formally took over the chairs. The meeting was addressed by Rezaul Karim Reza, Md Ruhul Amin, Sekander Annam. Later prizes and gifts were distributed among the members. The programme was followed by a Raffle draw.

MYMENSINGH

Smuggled Indian wood worth Taka 1.5 lakh seized

From Our Correspondent
July 25: Stolen Indian teak worth of Taka one lakh and 50 thousand was seized in a truck by the police at Darshapur on Haluaghat-Dhaka road recently. It is reported that one Sub-inspector Md Ali Hussain along with three constables of Haluaghat PS challenged the truck and forced the driver to stop the truck. The driver and the owner of the truck managed to flee away.
It is known that 243 of teak were in the truck moreover seven cft Shirish wood of a BDR personnel was on the truck. A reliable source informs that almost every night trucks with smuggled wood and other materials ply through this road.

HABIGANJ

One arrested on charge of selling relief goods

From Our Correspondent
July 25: Bahubal police arrested a member of union parishad on charge of selling relief goods in black market recently.
It is learnt from the police sources that one Askir Mia, member of Satkapan union, under Bahubal PS sold 10 bags of rice in black market which was allotted for distribution among the flood victims.
On information, police by order of the DC Habiganj managed to arrest the alleged member. He was remanded to custody.

B'BARIA

3 electrocuted

From Our Correspondent
July 25: Three persons were electrocuted in separate incidents under Sadar thana of the district.
It was learnt that Bazu Miah (60) and his son Shafigul (10) of village Adampur of Sadekpur union parishad under Sadar thana were travelling by boat. Both of them were electrocuted when the boat came in contact with a live electric wire.
Another victim, Jahangir Alam (28) of village Chanpur under Sadar thana of the district was electrocuted when he came in touch with a live electric wire while he was conducting some electrical works. He was rushed to the Sadar hospital where doctor declared him dead.

FARIDPUR

Tree plantation campaign

From Our Correspondent
July 25: Tree plantation campaign is going on in full swing in the district.
Other than the government, a number of socio-cultural organisations and educational institutions imbued with the idea of bringing ecological balance in the surrounding have chalked out an elaborate programme of tree plantation in the district.
Tree plantation campaign in Faridpur Moazzidin High School began recently sponsored by Faridpur forest office. Saplings of foreign variety 'weeping cedar', mehguni, shisu were planted in the school premises.

COMILLA

Rickshawpuller killed in road accident

July 25: A rickshawpuller was killed when a passenger bus dashed his rickshaw on Dhaka-Chittagong Trunk Road in Daudkandi thana on Monday, reports UNB.
Police said Shahjahan Mia (35) died on the spot after the bus hit his rickshaw from behind near Shahidnagar on July 19.
Police seized the vehicle from the spot, but the driver managed to flee.
A case has been registered with the police in this connection.

Book exhibition
A three-day-long book exhibition of Humayun Ahmed began at the local town hall on Thursday.
Janantika Natya Samproday organised the exhibition on the occasion of its 16th founding anniversary.

Chairman of the Comilla Board of Intermediate and Higher Secondary Education, Professor Mohammad Abdul Majid inaugurated show.
A total of 113 varieties of books of the renowned literature was being exhibited.

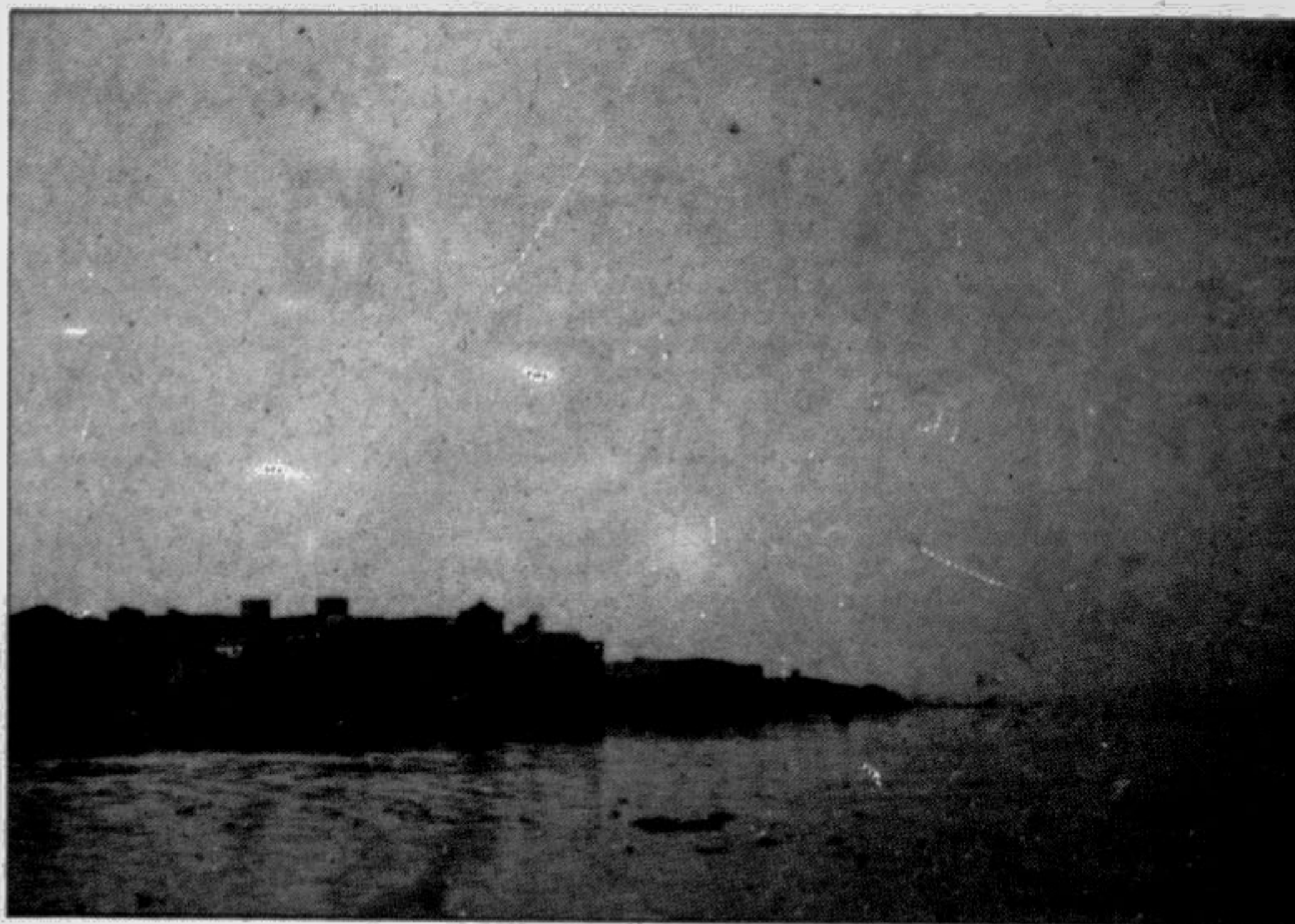
MADARIPUR

Anti-social activities on rise

July 25: Anti-social activities in different parts of the town are on rise causing grave concern among the residents, reports UNB.
Local elite alleged that crimes are being committed by the anti-social elements almost openly in various public places.
The Shilpa Nagari, Troler ghat, river bank Shaheed Bacchu Sarani road, old town and Leake Vell road areas have become dens of gambling, gay girls and drug addicts, they alleged.
The unabated sale of various types of spurious drugs in the markets have aggravated the situation further, they added.
They say girls are moving freely in the town alluring the people for immoral activities before the nose of the law enforcing agencies, it is alleged.
Local people urged the concerned authorities to curb the rising trend of anti-social activities.

Another report adds: The Madaripur sub-jail is beset with manifold problems for a long time causing suffering to the inmates.
The century-old sub-jail constructed during the British rule, cannot accommodate increasing number of convicted and under-trial prisoners due to space problem.
The sub-jail has an accommodation capacity of 30 but the number of inmates has increased to about 200.
The prisoners complained that they cannot even sleep at night for want of space.

MAJIDEE COURT
Staff shortage hampers revenue collection
July 25: A good number of posts of Tahasildar, Assistant Tahasildar and fourth class employees of Tahasildar office under Revenue department of the district have been lying vacant since long, reports UNB.
Sources said that due to shortage of staff, collection of land development taxes and other works are being hampered badly.
About 30 posts of Tahasildars and Assistant Tahasildars and 10 posts of fourth class employees are lying vacant in 65 Tahasildar offices of the district.
Sources said that only 2.05 per cent of land development taxes were realised till June 30 which is not at all satisfactory.



CHANDPUR: The erosion-hit Chandpur Puran Bazar.

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Flood victims need food, shelter, medicine

From Our Correspondent

KURIGRAM, July 25: The flood situation in Kurigram has aggravated further following the on-rush of water from hilly regions of India.

All the rivers including Dharla and Brahmaputra are flowing above the danger mark. Seven out of the nine thanas of the district have been badly affected. The affected thanas are: Bhurungamari, Nageswari, Chilmari, Rowmari, Rajibpur, Ulipur and Kurigram sadar thana.

In Kurigram sadar thana the flood water entered the agricultural land and homesteads through the breaches of embankments. The embankment starting from Sankos bridge to Baraitari in Bhurungamari thana has been washed away by the flood water. Out of seven unions of Bhurungamari thana Bongasonahat and Andharjihar have been badly affected.

Aman seed bed over 5,000 acres of land in Bhurungamari thana went under the flood water and 500 families have taken shelter on the flood control embankment. The three-mile-long WAPDA embankment stretching from Noonkhawa to Jatrapur in Nageswari thana has already been grabbed by the river Noonkhawa. The Balloerhas, Kachakata Kedar, Nagayanpur, and Brubari unions of Nageswari thana have gone under the flood water. About 3000 people in Nageswari thana have been badly affected.

The 50 feet long Chachla WAPDA Barrage in Chilmari thana has been washed away. Ashtamir Char cluster village in Chilmari thana has totally been vanished. Ashtamir Char and Jorgach unions of Chilmari thana have been badly affected while Saheberalga, Begamgorj, Tabakpur, Buraburi and Hatya unions of Ulipur thana have been severely hit by the flood water. More than 3000 affected people of Chilmari and Ulipur thanas have taken shelter on the embankment.

Four out of five unions of Rowmari thana namely Boudaber, Jadurchar and Rowmari have also been washed away. Moghalbaha, Panchagachi, Holokhana, Jatrapur, Ghogadaha, Kanthalbari of Kurigram Sadar thana now under flood water.
Standing crops of more than 10,000 acres of land in Rajibpur thana have already been damaged. About 500 affected people have taken shelter on the embankment. No relief operation have yet been started.

Brahmanbaria
Our correspondent from Brahmanbaria says: The flood situation of the district has further deteriorated. The latest reports say that the water level in the river Titas is increasing every hour and flowing above the danger level.
Low lying arpas in the district have gone under water.

Thousands of acres of crop land were also inundated. Meanwhile, on-rush of hilly water from Sylhet and adjoining regions of India have further aggravated the recent flood situation and it is said to be quite critical.
Thousands of houses and installations have been damaged. People who have been affected are taking temporary shelter at places where flood water have not yet reached.

Habiganj
Our Habiganj correspondent writes: Influenza, dysentery and other water-borne diseases have broken out in an epidemic form in different places of Habiganj district causing grave concern among the people.
The diseases have been spreading in an alarming rate in the low-lying areas of the district which was severely hit by flood.

According to unofficial sources, about 50 to 60 per cent people of the district have so far been attacked by the diseases.
The worst affected thanas are: Baniachong, Ajmtriganj, Bahubal and Chunarughat.
A good number of patients from different villages are pouring into the thana health complexes and hospitals for treatment every day.
The authorities concerned have been urged to take immediate steps to check the diseases.

Blood dysentery claims 600 children in N-region

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, July 25: The blood dysentery has so far claimed lives of over 600 children and about three lakh people have been suffering from the disease in the northern region, it is learnt.
It is reported that about 2000 children have become crippled for vitamin deficiency in the region.
Some physicians informed this correspondent that blood dysentery was not found in an epidemic form in the region during the last ten years.
Children up to the age of six years are the worst sufferers in Natore, Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, Naogaon, Kurigram, Bogra, Joypurhat, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, Nilphamari, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh and Rangpur districts.
It is learnt that blood dysentery patients are likely to be found in almost all the houses who have been suffering for many days.
Different germs in water are

responsible for the out break of the disease, some doctors pointed out.
About 10 to 15 patients carrying this disease are coming to the thana Sadar health complexes for admission in critical condition every day, hospital sources disclosed. The sources said that the number of child patients are increasing day by day.
Many sufferers informed that essential medicines especially the antibiotic capsules are not available at the health complexes. As a result, the patients have to buy necessary medicines from outside at an exorbitant price.
The poor patients who can not afford to buy medicine are to suffer much and sometimes they die suffering from the disease.
The people of the area have urged the authority concerned to take immediate steps to mitigate the sufferings of the people.
Telephone subscribers at

Natore and the adjoining districts of northern regions have been suffering for various problems.
Some telephone subscribers informed this correspondent that they are to wait long hours before they get clearance for a line. Sometimes they at all do not get the particular number. Although they get the number, they can not listen anything from the other side.
The people at local Public Call Office (PCO) also suffer.
The local journalists have been facing problems to send urgent reports to their newspaper offices. If a journalist books a press call at evening, he gets the connection at midnight.
The Court Sub-inspector of Natore informed this correspondent that his phone at office has been lying out of order for a long.
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Notes From Sylhet

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, July 25: Valuables worth about Taka five lakh were gutted in a fire that occurred at Purba Bazar of Fenchuganj recently.

According to report, the fire originated from a burning cigarette gutted three shops belonging to Sayed Ali, Shamsu Khan and Helaluddin.
The local people brought the fire under control.

Businessman dead

Haji Abdul Bar, a renowned businessman, social worker and politician died at his residence at Laldighatpur of Sylhet town on Wednesday. He was 95.
He left behind his wife, seven sons, five daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death. He was buried at the Manikpur graveyard of Sylhet town.

Youngman crushed to death

A youngman was crushed to death by a speeding truck on Dhaka-Sylhet highway on Tuesday afternoon.

According to reports, the victim Kalimullah met the accident at a place near Bhramhangram near Goalabazar, when a Dhaka-bound truck bearing No. (Dhaka-metro No-9637) crushed him under its wheels. He died on way to the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital.
The agitated people caught the truck and handed it over to the police.
A case of unnatural death had been registered with the Balaganj thana.

Baby drowned

A five-month old baby drowned in a boat capsized near village Polish under Biswambharpur thana under Sunamganj district recently.
According to reports, an engine-boat while on its way to Sunamganj from Polish drowned due to overloading. The other people managed to swim ashore but the ill fated baby drowned.
A case of unnatural death had been lodged with the Biswambharpur thana. Post-mortem on the body was performed at the Sunamganj sadar hospital.

Death condoled

Akhiaqur Rahman, Chairman of Boaljur union parishad under Balaganj thana of Sylhet died of heart attack at a private clinic at Sylhet town on the midnight following Saturday last.
The leaders of the district Awami League condoled the sudden death of the Awami League leader.

Sufferings of bus passengers

From Our Correspondent
HABIGANJ, July 25: The bus journey on Shaistaganj-Shahji Bazar and Sutang routes has become hazardous. Hundreds of passengers travelling every day on these routes for various purposes have been facing untold sufferings due to absence of necessary facilities. Over loading, late running of buses, high speed, unnecessary stoppages and rush driving have become regular feature.
Most of the buses on these routes are engaged in race to pickup passengers standing here and there on the roadside without considering the capacity of vehicles.
The buses on these roads are always over loaded as a result, most passengers become annoyed and suffocated during the long journey.
There is no waiting shed at any bus stoppages which causes difficulties specially to the women passengers. They are bound to take shelter under the shade of tree or nearby tea stall during the rainy season.

Two killed in incidents

JHENIDAH, July 25: Two people were killed in separate incidents in Harinakundu thana of Jhenidah district on Thursday, reports UNB.
Rabul Islam Haki (35) of village Bhalki in Harinakundu thana was shot to death by an armed group Thursday evening.

Police said the armed miscreants raided the house of Rabul at about 7.30 pm. To escape the attack, Rabul entered a room and bolted the door. But he was shot through the window.
Rabul, said to be an activist of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (Bique Group), recently joined the Purbo Banglar Communist Party.
Police suspected his former party colleagues behind the killing.
In another incident, Borhanuddin (40) was killed in village Trifaltala of Harinakundu thana at about 8 pm Thursday.
Police said a group of people attacked Borhan and beat him mercilessly while he was returning home from the nearby bazar. He succumbed to his injuries after taken to his house.

Smuggling of rice to India regular

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, July 25: Rice and paddy are being smuggled out of the country through border routes in exchange of Indian salt, sugar and other goods.
The main routes used for smuggling are: Patgram, Chilahati, Lalmonirhat and Bhurungamari, according to information received here.

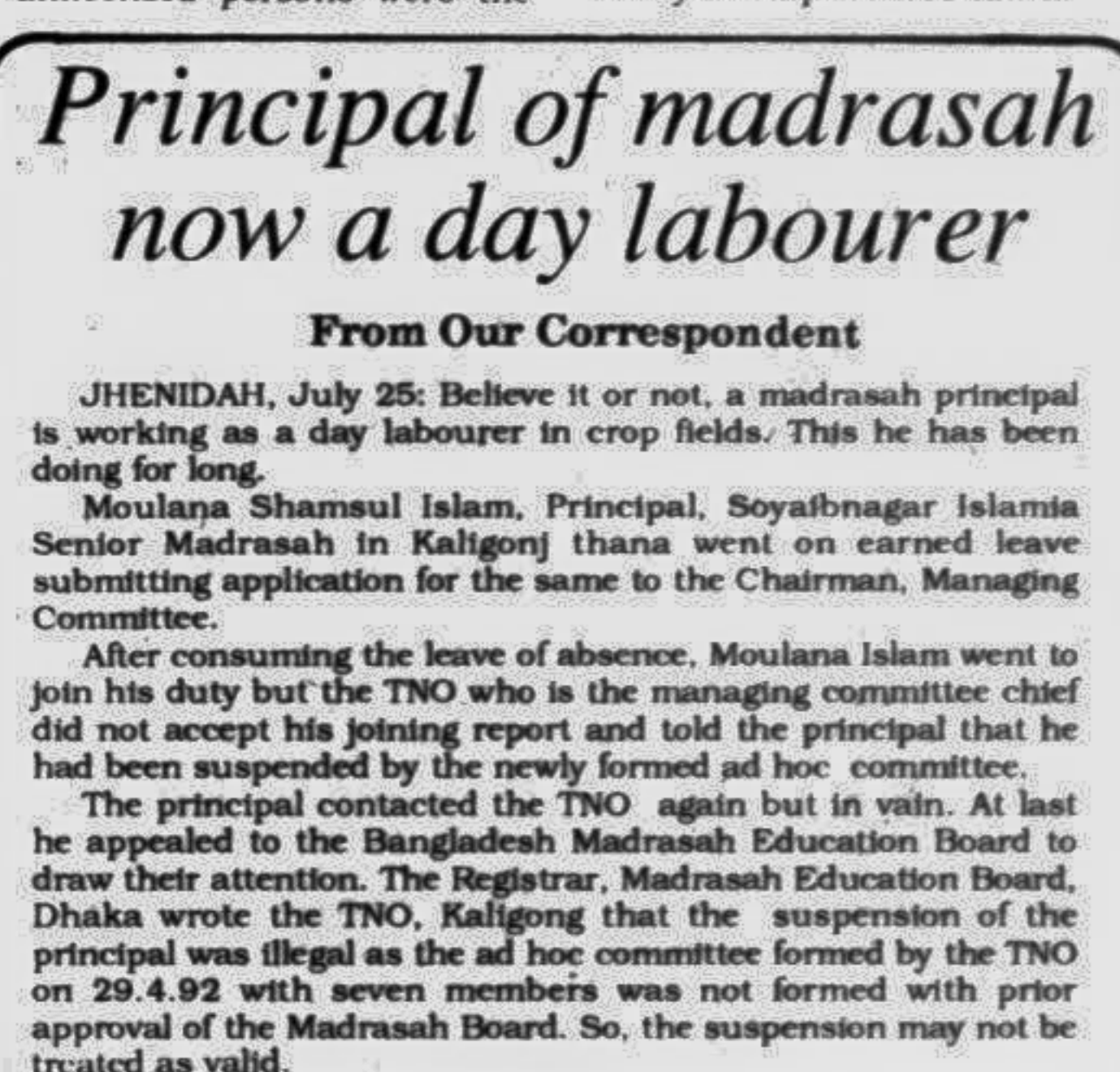
The rice price is much below than the production cost all over the area. As a result the farmers finding no other alternatives use to sell rice and paddy to smugglers. The smugglers exchange carry on trade on barter deal systems.
33 killed, 300 hurt in road mishaps
Another reports says: At least thirty persons were killed and about 300 persons were injured in 25 separate road mishaps in the northern districts during the last three months, according to the police sources.
Over-loading, rush driving, race for overtaking, parking of the vehicles along roadside, and driving of the transports by the unlicensed persons were the

main reasons of these mishaps, the sources further claimed.
It may be noted here that following over-loading and abrupt stopping of the passenger buses hither and thither all through the routes for lifting of the passengers from mid-roads, altercations and quarrels between the passengers and the drivers and helpers are held regularly. It some time taken a serious turn leading to bus strike. It is gathered.
There are allegations that thousands of passengers travelling everyday on different routes have been experiencing worst sufferings due to driving of the transports by the drivers at their own whim ignoring traffic rules.
It is most surprising that the traffic police and the members of the law enforcing agencies are almost openly collecting tolls from the drivers of different transports, but they never look after the traffic rule violators.
The government should ensure their safe journey by tightening existing traffic rule. It is felt by the experienced circle.

Principal of madrasah now a day labourer

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, July 25: Believe it or not, a madrasah principal is working as a day labourer in crop fields. This he has been doing for long.
Moulana Shamsul Islam, Principal, Soyabnagar Islamia Senior Madrasah in Kaligonj thana went on earned leave submitting application for the same to the Chairman, Managing Committee.
After consuming the leave of absence, Moulana Islam went to join his duty but the TNO who is the managing committee chief did not accept his joining report and told the principal that he had been suspended by the newly formed ad hoc committee.
The principal contacted the TNO again but in vain. At last he appealed to the Bangladesh Madrasah Education Board to draw their attention. The Registrar, Madrasah Education Board, Dhaka wrote the TNO, Kaligonj that the suspension of the principal was illegal as the ad hoc committee formed by the TNO on 29.4.92 with seven members was not formed with prior approval of the Madrasah Board. So, the suspension may not be treated as valid.



JHENIDAH: Maulana Shamsul Islam, Principal of Shoyabnagar Islamia Senior Madrasah is working in a field along with his son, Mamun.

The Register also wrote to the TNO to arrange immediate joining of the principal and to pay all his salaries and allowances. But the TNO did not comply. When contacted the TNO said that the Madrasah Education Board has sent the above letters to him but he is not bound to honour the letter as it was not done without taking the interests of the ad hoc committee members into account. The TNO also said, they had sent a letter protesting it. Moulana Shamsul Islam told this correspondent that having no alternative, he alongwith his sons started selling their manual labour in his locality.
When contacted some of the eminent local personalities of Kaligonj said that a group of influential people are trying to occupy the leased lands of the madrasah abandoned by the non-Bengali (Behari) in 1971.
Manual labourer Principal Moulana Shamsul Islam keeps on waiting with infinite patience for the government to realise the nature of injustice and humiliation he has been subjected to.

No govt pry school in 1353 villages

From Our Correspondent

MOULVI BAZAR, July 25: There is no primary school in one third villages of six thanas of Moulvibazar district which hampers primary education severely.
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According to statistical report, there are 167 government primary schools in sadar thana against 465 villages, 163 schools in Kulaura thana against 528 villages, 108 school in Baralekha thana against 313 villages, 102 schools in Rajnagar thana against 265 villages, 87 schools in Kamalganj thana against 261 villages and 66 schools in Sreemongal thana against 214 villages.
As a result, a large number of the children of those villages are deprived of primary education.
Guardians say, attraction to education will grow if more schools are set up in those villages where there is no schools.
The television viewers were deprived of the pleasure of watching television programme of BTV in Moulvibazar on July 19 due to sudden break in transmission.
The transmission went off at morning of July 19 and remained snapped for the whole day.
It is learnt from BTV, Sylhet sub-centre that lightning struck three transformers in the morning.

RUTA condemns VC's decision
RAJSHAHI, July 25: Rajshahi University Teachers' Association condemned the Vice-Chancellor's decision of stopping increment during the study leave of the teachers without the recommendation of the syndicate. The association in a recently held meeting, presided over by the president of the association, Prof Md Kayes Uddin, urged the V-C to withdraw the decision without further delay, reports UNB.

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